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DOWNTOWN DEARBORN HOSTS FIRST OUTDOOR WINTER MARKET

WinterFest Market brings Holiday Cheer with More than 30 Vendors, Family Activities

December 5, 2018, DEARBORN, Mich. – Celebrate the holiday season at Downtown Dearborn’s first WinterFest Market throughout East & West Downtown Dearborn on December 15 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. WinterFest market attendees will enjoy pictures with Santa Claus and his reindeer, live entertainment, ice sculpting, bounce houses, hot cocoa and treats, face painting and more. The East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority will be hosting their Annual Open House, as well.

Community partners, including the East and West Dearborn Downtown Development Authorities, have secured a wide selection of WinterFest Market vendors with gift items ranging from handcrafted body care products, wood and metal novelties, arts and crafts, handmade clothing, teas and coffees, baked goods and more to help shoppers check off their shopping list.

“As we enter the holiday season, the WinterFest Market provides an opportunity for our community to join together to celebrate the season and showcase the diverse shopping and dining options in our downtown,” said Cristina Sheppard-Decius, Executive Director, East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority/West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority. “Whether you’re looking to shop the market for last minute gifts, take in the beauty of amazing ice sculptures or have your picture taken with Santa, everyone will find a beloved holiday tradition at the event.”

East Downtown Dearborn festivities will be at City Hall ArtSpace Lofts Connector (13615 Michigan Ave.) while West Village Commons Plaza (22223 Michigan Ave.) will be the site of events in West Downtown Dearborn:

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- **East & West:** Artisans and crafters will offer a selection of unique gifts, live ice sculpting demos by students from Henry Ford College, free hot cocoa and doughnuts, children’s bounce houses
- **East:** live entertainment by Telephone9
- **West:** live entertainment by Aj Lynn

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- **West:** Face painting by Pebbles the Clown

11 a.m. – 1p.m.

- **West:** Free professional photo with Santa, alongside Mrs. Claus and reindeer

1:30 – 4 p.m.

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1:30 – 4 p.m.

- **East:** Face painting by Pebbles the Clown

1 – 5 p.m.

- **East:** EDDDA's Annual Open House

Free public parking for WinterFest Market is readily available in the East off of John Nagy Drive, and in the West at the parking decks located on West Village Drive.

WinterFest Market is sponsored by [Om Day Spa](#), [Steven Bernard Jewelers, Ltd.](#), East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority (EDDDA) and the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority (WDDDA). For more details visit downtowndearborn.org.

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