



## **PRESS ALERT CITY OF GRETNA**

### **For Immediate Release**

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## **2024 Christmas Events in Gretna**

### **Light up the Huey - Holiday Lights Display on Huey P. Long Avenue**

The oaks and other trees are lit along the Huey P. Long median from Westbank Expressway to the river from November 24 through December.

### ***Passport to Christmas Promotion***

**December 1-December 21**

Get your passport at the Gretna Farmers' Market, City Hall, or the Welcome Center to enjoy deals and discounts at local Gretna businesses. Visit each participating business to collect 14 stamps for eligibility to win a gift basket worth over \$1,000. Prize drawing on 12/21.

### **Picnic under the Lights**

**December 1-December 22, 6:00-10:00 PM**

Bring your own picnic and enjoy the holiday lights from inside a personal bubble tent on the Huey P. Long median. Thursday-Sunday rentals. For more info, call 504.363.1580.

### **Gretna Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting**

**December 1, 5:00-7:30 PM**

Santa will make his way along 5th Street from Fried Street to Huey P. Long Avenue, then along Huey P. Long Avenue between 1st and 10th Streets.

Tree lighting to follow on the Huey P. Long Avenue median at 6th Street.

### **Hurricane Promotions presents**

### ***Rechelle Cook - Aretha Franklin Christmas Show***

**December 6, 8:00-10:00 PM**

Gretna Cultural Center for the Arts, Huey P. Long Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tickets available online at [www.GretnaCCA.com](http://www.GretnaCCA.com).

### **Brunch with Santa at Legacy Kitchen**

**December 7 and 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Legacy Kitchen in Gretna, 91 Westbank Expressway #51  
Call 504.513.2606 for reservations.

### **St. Nicholas Children's Party**

**December 7, 1:00-3:30 PM**

St. Joseph Gym (7<sup>th</sup> and Newton Streets)

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church and Mother's Day Out School. Event for the whole family includes face painting, cookie decorating, games, arts and crafts, ice cream, cake, plus a gift and free professional photo with St. Nicholas for each child. Free to the public.

### **Ring in the Arts**

**December 7, 5:00-9:00 PM**

Gretna Market Place, Huey P. Long Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets

Gretna's annual fine arts festival includes live music, local artists, and refreshments.

Purchase of a \$20 bottomless wine or champagne glass entitles patron to vote for favorite artist of the evening. Free to the public. For more info, email [ringinginthearts@gmail.com](mailto:ringinginthearts@gmail.com).

### **Brunch with Santa at Thanh Thanh**

**December 8, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

Thanh Thanh Restaurant, 131 Huey P. Long Avenue  
Call 504.338.8578 for reservations.

**Caroling on the Huey at Memorial Square (*TENTATIVE*)**

**December 13, 7:00 PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Huey P. Long Avenue

Bring the little ones and enjoy a holiday singalong in front of City Hall.  
Song sheets will be provided. Free to the public. Bring your own chairs.

**Shop the Huey Holiday Market**

**December 14, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Take advantage of a day of boutique holiday shopping at the Gretna Cultural Center for the Arts, Huey P. Long Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. For more info, call 504.363.1580.

**Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Band of Excellence Christmas Concert**

**December 14, 7:00-8:00 PM**

In front of the Christmas tree on Huey P. Long Avenue median at 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Come enjoy an hour of music performed by the JPSO's compilation of the best student musicians in the area. Free to the public. Bring your own chairs.

**Gretna Christmas Home Decorating Contest**

**Decorations deadline: December 15, 2024.**

**Judging will take place the week of December 16.**

**Christmas Caroling on Hancock Street**

**December 20, 6:00-8:00 PM**

Hancock Street median at Stumpf Boulevard

Join Gretna District 1 Councilman Rudy Smith (sponsor) in old McDonoghville for a night of caroling led by Young Audience Charter Schools students. Free to the public. BYO chairs.

**Santa at the Market and *Passport to Christmas* Drawing**

**December 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; Drawing at 10:30 AM**

Gretna Market Place, Huey P. Long Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets

Bring the little ones to visit with Santa Claus. Free to the public.

Santa will draw the winner of the *Passport to Christmas* promotion.

**Living Nativity presented by St. Joseph Church**

**December 22, 6:00 PM**

In front of the Christmas tree on Huey P. Long Avenue median at 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Free. Bring your own chairs.

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