

# A multitude of festivities for all to enjoy

For most of us, December conjures up fond memories of holiday food, entertainment and gift-giving. It's time to ponder the deeper meaning behind the season as we savor our time with family and friends. It's also time to think of those less fortunate as we give and receive gifts.

This December brings opportunities to enjoy the enticing holiday activities Show Low offers and also help those in need. Kick off the season with **Show Low Shines**, a celebration of holiday lights and decorations. Take a tour of City Park, where you'll be greeted with a spectacular cavalcade of decorated and light-filled trees. Don't miss the Victorian, at the corner of US60 (Deuce of Clubs) and SR260 (Clark Road). The building and the grounds will be displayed in all their finery. Then, drive along the Deuce of Clubs and White Mountain Road to enjoy the beautiful decorations along the roadways.

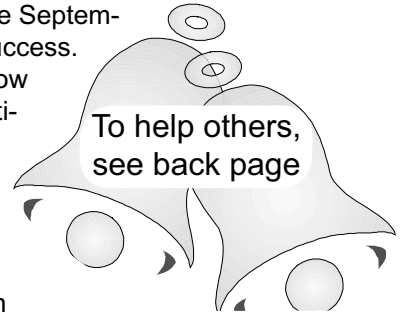
Get into the spirit of the season by participating in two popular annual events on Saturday, December 4. The first, at 5:30 p.m., is Show Low Main Street's **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony at the Festival Marketplace, 1027 East Deuce of Clubs. Then, find a comfortable spot to watch the **Electric Light Parade** along the Deuce of Clubs, beginning at 6:30, sponsored by the Show Low Chamber of Commerce. There should be lots of spectacular floats with this year's theme of "The Joys and Toys of Christmas."

**Santa at the Victorian** returns to Show Low on Thursday, December 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Victorian building at the US60 and SR260 intersection. This well-attended event is jointly sponsored by Coldwell Banker - McCarty Realty and the City of Show Low. Santa will arrive on a fire truck, giving his reindeer some needed rest before their Christmas deliveries. Kids can visit

with Santa while everyone enjoys live entertainment, hot chocolate and cookies. In addition, the children will be treated to face painting and goody bags. (Note: You'll find volunteer and donation information on the back page.)

For \$3 each, second- to sixth-graders can create a ball penguin ornament on Wednesday, December 15, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at the Family Aquatic Center, 1100 West Deuce of Clubs, followed by swimming until 5 p.m.

Also on December 15, registration begins for Session 3 of the after-school program, **Show Low DEAL**. This program, open to fourth- to sixth-graders since September, has been a resounding success. Parents can sign up at the Show Low Intermediate School, Multipurpose Room, 500 West Old Linden Road, or at the Family Aquatic Center. If you want to see what the kids learned in Session 2, you're invited to the **DEAL Extravaganza** on Thursday, December 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Show Low Intermediate's Multipurpose Room.



Another December hallmark is **Santa's Polar Party**, a fun-filled family event, on Friday, December 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Family Aquatic Center. Santa will join the lifeguards in seeing that everyone has fun. Come enjoy games, food and swimming. Admis-



... sion is \$3 per person or \$6 for the entire family.  
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# Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140  
Public Library: 532-4070

- 12/04 5:30 p.m., Festival Marketplace  
**Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony
- 12/04 6:30 p.m. down the Deuce of Clubs  
**Electric Light Parade** ("Joys & Toys of Christmas")
- 12/06 **Men's Basketball League** registration begins  
ages 16+; play begins 01/18
- 12/07 Council Chambers  
5 p.m., **City Council Study Session**  
6 p.m., **City Council Meeting**
- 12/09 Noon, Branding Iron Restaurant (public welcome)  
**Show Low Library Friends** monthly meeting
- 12/09 5:30–8:30 p.m., Victorian building at corner of  
US60 (Deuce of Clubs) and SR260 (Clark Road)  
**Santa at the Victorian** (with entertainment, refresh-  
ments and goodies!)
- 12/14 5 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Study Session**
- 12/14 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 12/15 Registration begins for **Show Low DEAL**  
grades 4-6; Session 3 begins 01/10
- 12/15 2:45–5 p.m., Aquatic Center  
**Ball Penguin Ornament** craft class (grades 2-6)
- 12/16 5:30 p.m., Show Low Intermediate School, Multi-  
purpose Room  
**Show Low DEAL Session 2 Extravaganza**
- 12/17 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center  
**Santa's Polar Party** (meet Santa and enjoy games,  
food and polar games in the pool)
- 12/21 Council Chambers  
6 p.m., **City Council Meeting**
- 12/24 **Merry Christmas!** (City offices closed)
- 12/27 **Youth Basketball League** registration begins  
grades 1-6; play begins 02/12
- 12/28 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 12/31 **Coed Volleyball League** registration begins  
ages 16+; play begins 02/07
- 12/31 **Happy New Year!** (City offices closed; holiday  
hours at Aquatic Center)

Check out **City 4 Television** and the **City's Web site** at  
[www.ci.show-low.az.us](http://www.ci.show-low.az.us) for more information



## Shop with a Cop

Be a charitable Santa and bring a smile to a child's face! Open your wallets for the annual Shop with a Cop program, jointly sponsored by the Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside police departments. Through generous donations from private citizens, Wal-Mart Supercenter and area merchants, needy children receive gifts they would not get otherwise. Each selected child receives up to \$100 to purchase personal clothing, gifts and a few toys. The number of children selected is directly tied to the amount of money donated.

You can participate by dropping off cash, a check or money order (payable to "Shop with a Cop") at the Show Low or Pinetop-Lakeside police facilities through Wednesday, December 8.

Capture the true spirit of giving and help every child have a merry holiday season. Your donation can make a huge difference in a child's life. Questions or inquiries may be directed to Detective Kim Walden at 537-5091.

## Salvation Army

Experience the rewards of volunteerism. This yule season, the Salvation Army is seeking able-bodied volunteers for bell-ringing and wrapping holiday packages. Bell ringers will be stationed near the front door at strategic retail locations. Wrappers will be sitting at stations set up in different stores. Volunteers 18 years and older will work singly, while youth between 14 and 17 years will work in pairs. Volunteers are needed through Christmas Eve. To submit your name or request more information, contact David Sherman at 532-4673.

## Santa at the Victorian

Volunteers and donations of new or gently used children's clothing and goody bag items are needed for the December 9 "Santa at the Victorian," co-sponsored by Coldwell Banker - McCarty Realty and the City of Show Low. Volunteers over 15 years old will spread holiday cheer from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., serving hot chocolate and cookies to the kids who wait to tell Santa their greatest wishes. As a volunteer, you'll also be treated to live entertainment during the event. You might even sneak a trip to Santa's lap, if you're lucky! To volunteer or make a donation, call Stefan Wehnau at 532-4141.

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