



# News Release

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## **Hughson Christmas Festival Kicks-Off Holiday Season**

On the heels of the wonderful Thanksgiving celebrations in the City of Hughson, Saturday, December 5, 2015 is the date of the annual Hughson Christmas Festival. The Hughson Chamber of Commerce, with the help of many local sponsors and partners, will kick-off the Christmas Holiday Season with another of its signature events. Festive decoration contests will be held for local businesses that will also provide holiday specials during the festival. The Christmas Boutique, with plenty of food and crafts vendors, will be on Hughson Avenue from 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Music will be provided by the Hughson Unified School District Music Department and walking Christmas Carolers by Hughson Christian School. The popular Christmas Lighted Parade will begin promptly at 5:30pm at the Hughson Sports and Fitness Complex (east on Locust Street), make its way by Samaritan Village (north on Euclid Road and west on Fox Road) and conclude in Downtown Hughson (south on Third Street and east on Hughson Avenue). The festivities will continue after the parade with the Tree Lighting Ceremony and free Hot Cocoa and Cookies with Santa Claus at Centennial Park (Hughson Avenue/Seventh Street). For more information, visit the Hughson Chamber of Commerce website at [www.hughsonchamber.org](http://www.hughsonchamber.org).

**Operation Santa Claus** – The Hughson Fire Protection District Volunteer Association will run “Operation Santa Claus” in the City of Hughson again this year to bring delight to local children and families. Held over consecutive weekends on December 6, 12 & 13, 2015, Kris Kringle, on top of a shiny red HFPD fire engine and with his reindeers and elves, will make his journey through the City--handing out candy cane treats to all. Local residents are typically out in anticipation of the visit hosting neighborhood block parties, roasting marshmallows, drinking hot cocoa, and in some cases making fresh tamales.

**Light Up The Town** – The Citizens for a Healthy Community and the City of Hughson are again partnering with the Hughson Fire Protection District Volunteer Association “Operation Santa Claus” to complete a special mission this year. On select evenings of “Operation Santa Claus,” officials will be on hand to recognize ten residences that went beyond the call of duty to decorate their homes for the holiday season. Festive certificates and ornaments will be presented to those residents to celebrate their exemplary work to “Light Up The Town.” The Citizens for a Healthy Community encourages all to participate in the new initiative that was very well received last year.

**Christmas Basket Program** – The Hughson Family Resource Center, in partnership with St. Anthony’s Catholic Church and others, will again implement its annual Christmas Basket Program. Each year the community comes together with hundreds of volunteers and donors to make Christmas possible for all. Last year, over 450 local families received toys, clothes and other gifts as a perfect example of the true meaning Christmas.

**Ugly Christmas Sweater Day** – The staff at the City of Hughson (7018 Pine Street) and the Bank of West (6800 Hughson Avenue) invite you to visit their offices to see the “Ugly Christmas Sweater Day” on full display in Hughson on December 18, 2015 (National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day). The City of Hughson and Bank of the West invite other local business offices in Hughson to participate by “sporting” your “ugliest” holiday attire.

The City of Hughson appreciates local residents and partners each year demonstrating their compassion and good will during the holiday season. Season’s greetings to all!

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