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Families Make Holiday Memories in Historic Downtown Elgin

Elgin, Texas – Holiday By the Tracks brings a fun family holiday celebration to Elgin! You can enjoy famous Lopez Burgers while your kids make amazing mudmen, pressed metal ornaments, and other unique crafts. Enjoy a hassle free moment with Santa and share your wish list for the year! Celebrate the Magic of Christmas with the Union Depot Museum exhibit of vintage toys, cultural Christmas trees and Nativities. A delightful model train display will be on exhibit in the Elgin Chamber of Commerce. Bring the whole family out during the holiday season where you can cut your own tree at one of our Christmas tree farms and enjoy a variety of art, crafts, shopping and holiday fun in Historic Downtown Elgin. Free admission!!

On Saturday, December 5, from 10 am to 8 pm join us downtown for live music and entertainment, holiday store specials, beautiful window displays, pictures with Santa, the Artists Showcase, a Christmas Craft Fair, the EVFD lighted Christmas parade and a live nativity. **The Artists Showcase** will include demonstrations, sales, displays and studio tours for a variety of artistic mediums. **Pictures with Santa** will be sponsored by Friends of Elgin Parks. **Children's activities**, such as make your own ornaments (Free), pony rides, a petting zoo and famous Lopez Burgers will be offered in Veterans Memorial Park. A **Christmas Craft Fair and Gingerbread House display** will be hosted at the Elgin Public Library from 10am to 4pm. **Downtown stores will offer holiday specials and will be open late.** The **Holiday Lighted Parade** is sponsored by the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department and includes beautifully decorated lighted floats beginning at 6pm. After the parade, St. Peter's Lutheran Church will perform a **live nativity** in Veterans' Memorial Park.

From Thanksgiving weekend until right before Christmas, visit one of our **local tree farms** and hand select and cut down your family's own Christmas tree. At the tree farms enjoy hay rides, farm animals, toasting marshmallows, games, beautiful scenery and gift shops. After you have found the perfect tree, enjoy shopping and dining at one of the many locally owned and operated stores and restaurants. Elgin will provide your family a unique holiday tradition that is filled with the special gifts of a small Texas town.

Holiday by the Tracks is sponsored by the City of Elgin Parks & Community Development Department, Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce, Elgin Main Street Board, the Friends of Elgin Parks and Elgin Art & Artisans. Elgin is located just 19 miles east of Austin on Hwy 290. For additional information, visit us on the web at www.elgintx.com.