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SPECIAL EVENTS RAMP UP AS HANFORD WINTER WONDERLAND APPROACHES HALFWAY POINT OF 2024/2025 SEASON

*Hanford Winter Wonderland is open every day through January 12
(The Santa Experience ends December 24)*

HANFORD, CA – The Hanford Parks and Community Services Department is pleased to present two free holiday events happening at Hanford Winter Wonderland as the fourth annual event continues to attract hundreds of visitors from around the region every day.

Two spectacular drone shows will light up the sky over Winter Wonderland and downtown Hanford on Saturday, December 21 and on New Year's Eve (Tuesday, December 31). The shows are funded by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Clean Alternatives to Fireworks Pilot Incentive Program.

"If you've never seen a drone show, you must come—you will not be disappointed," said Parks and Community Services Director Brad Albert.

Drone Shows at Hanford Winter Wonderland

WHEN: Saturday December 21 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, December 31 at 9 p.m.
WHERE: Civic Park (400 North Douty Street)

On Tuesday, December 24, families are invited to attend Storytime with Santa, a free special event inside the Civic Auditorium. Santa will enchant everyone with a live reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore, as well as another beloved Christmas classic.

While enjoying the magic of the season, families can savor complimentary milk and cookies provided by Rosa Brothers Milk Company. Children will also have the chance to unleash their creativity by crafting their own tree ornament. Families will not want to miss this unforgettable holiday celebration filled with stories, treats and creative fun for everyone.

"Our hope is that Storytime with Santa becomes an annual tradition at Hanford Winter Wonderland," Albert said. "Thanks to Rosa Brothers, children can have some milk and cookies before going home and leaving some out for Santa's visit later that night."

Storytime with Santa at Hanford Winter Wonderland

WHEN: Tuesday, December 24 at 5 p.m. (first reading) and 7 p.m. (second reading)

WHERE: Hanford Civic Auditorium (400 North Douty Street)

The Santa Experience and Santa Paws at Hanford Winter Wonderland

There's still plenty of time for children and their families to meet and take photos with the jolly old man at Hanford Winter Wonderland's [The Santa Experience](#), which continues through Tuesday, December 24. On Wednesday, December 18, the popular attraction will be open to furry family members during a special [Santa Paws](#) event. For \$34.99, guests and their pets will meet with Santa and receive two 4 x 6 photo prints. Animals must be leashed during the experience, but barking, meowing and other animal noises are encouraged.

[Ice skating](#) at Winter Wonderland continues through Sunday, January 12. Discounted \$10 weekday tickets are available through December 18, and special group pricing (10+ and 20+ people) is available for the remainder of the season.

Larger groups may consider a 75-minute [private ice rink rental](#). The [North Pole Lounge](#) is adjacent to the ice rink and offers a private and comfortable space for family celebrations or company parties, accommodating up to 50 people. Outside food and drinks are allowed.

The magic of Hanford Winter Wonderland is made possible by many generous community sponsors. Top sponsors include: Adventist Health, Kings Federal Credit Union, Aria Community Health Center, JH Tackett Marketing, Tuff Shed, Carvalho Construction, ABC30, A-1 Allstar Plumbing, Daniel C. Salas Harvesting, Amtrak San Joaquin, Tractor Supply, Red's Roofing, Remscape, Tachi Palace, Crossroads Pregnancy, Danell Custom Harvesting, Overland Stockyard, Carl Nelson Insurance Agency, Pristine Roofing, Badasci Tire, Noga's Air Conditioning & Heating, Family HealthCare Network, Tulare-Kings Resources for Life, Melton Design Group and Poor Man's Poison.

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