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### Free Classes, Kids Activities and Extended Shopping Hours Kick Off the Holidays in Downtown Lee's Summit

Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street will kick off the holiday season with its Traditional Holiday Open House November 6-8, 2009. Over 40 free classes, extended shopping hours, a Whoville Kids Area and a chance to win a variety of downtown gift certificates make this a holiday celebration worth experiencing.

Over 40 classes will be offered over the three days, on topics such as holiday door swags, making the perfect bow, holiday scrapbook pages, happy hour holiday hair, and more. All classes are free, and no advanced registration is necessary. Many products used in the classes will be available for purchase. A complete class schedule can be downloaded from the "downtown events" tab at [www.downtownls.org](http://www.downtownls.org).

Kids can also join in the fun at the Whoville Kids Area. Located in the Vogue retail space, 315 SE Douglas, it will be open on Saturday, November 7th from 10 am to 4 pm. A \$5 admission donation is requested to benefit Lee's Summit Social Services. Whoville Kids Area will recreate the land of the Whos, from Dr. Seuss' popular holiday story How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Kids can make Grinch masks, do puzzles, complete Whoville coloring pages, enjoy holiday treats, and much more. At the Sparkle Station, kids can make sparkly ornaments to help decorate the Mayor's Tree in Howard Station Park. Kids can even get their picture taken with The Grinch, so parents should be sure to pack cameras.

Downtown businesses will also feature new holiday merchandise, and kick off the holiday shopping season with extended hours. Over 30 businesses will be open Fridays from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm and Sundays from Noon – 4:00 pm beginning Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. While shopping, be sure to enter to win a variety of

downtown gift certificates. Customers may also enter to win an all-inclusive trip to the Riviera Maya throughout the holiday shopping season, November 6<sup>th</sup> – December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For more information about the Traditional Holiday Open House, or other holiday activities in Downtown Lee's Summit, please visit [www.downtownls.org](http://www.downtownls.org) or call 816-246-6598.

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