

# 'Tis the Season:

## 10 holiday must-do's in and around Merriam

**1** Meet Santa and the Mayor at Merriam's annual **Sundown with Santa and Mayor's Tree Lighting** on Saturday, December 3. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Merriam Marketplace, 5740 Merriam Drive. Enjoy caroling, games, hot cocoa and, of course, a visit from Santa!



Create memories at **IKEA Merriam**. On Saturday, December 3, your family is invited to IKEA to make a gingerbread house for the holidays. For \$12, you'll receive a gingerbread kit and all the supplies needed to make a traditional holiday favorite. Also, stop by the Visitors Bureau or any Merriam hotel for an IKEA shopping coupon valid through December 24.



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**3** Small businesses need holiday love too. Head to **downtown Merriam** and visit the new chic vintage store **Shut Up & Fly** for all your holiday shopping needs.



Stop by the Visitors Bureau office for the DIY holiday **hot chocolate bar**. From peppermint to caramel, we'll have all the fixins' during regular office hours in December.



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**5** Have **breakfast with Santa!** He's coming to the Community Center to fuel up for the long sleigh ride on Christmas Eve. Call 913.322.5550 to RSVP (\$5) for this limited space event on Saturday, December 3.



Visit the **Johnson County Library—Antioch Branch** for a gingerbread house making program on Saturday, Dec. 10. Find the details online at <http://bit.ly/2f1CAWt>

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**7** Gas up the car and head out in your jammies with a mug of hot cocoa to see the **holiday lights** around Johnson County. Find neighborhoods and addresses to check out at [www.kansastravel.org/kansascitychristmasdisplays.htm](http://www.kansastravel.org/kansascitychristmasdisplays.htm).



Make a stop at Merriam's favorite bakery and enjoy over 12 delicious flavors of Povitica. From the White Chocolate Cherry to the traditional English Walnut, **Strawberry Hill Povitica** is the perfect addition to any holiday table and makes a great gift for the foodies on your shopping list. Now through December 31, shop in store or online with the code MVB for a 20% holiday discount on any regular size loaf.



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**9** Spread the holiday cheer by giving the gift of lotions, potions and all things scented with **Mixture's** line of bath and body products, candles and other great fragranced items. Perfect for stocking stuffers or scenting up your home for the holidays, Mixture offers a plethora of items at [www.mixtureusa.com](http://www.mixtureusa.com).



Got guests arriving for the holidays? If your space is a little cramped, consider **booking a room** at one of Merriam's five hotels. From budget-friendly to family favorites, there's room (and a room) for everyone in Merriam! Find great deals on lodging and more at [exploremerriam.com/specialoffers](http://exploremerriam.com/specialoffers).



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