

# UPTOWN UPDATE



## TXU ENERGY *Uptown Holiday Lighting*

**THANKSGIVING EVENING, NOVEMBER 27, 2008**  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Post Oak Boulevard between San Felipe & Westheimer

**Featuring the MACY'S HOLIDAY STAGE**  
Benefiting Sheltering Arms Senior Services

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### THE EVENT:

Holiday tunes will fill the air at the TXU Energy Uptown Holiday Lighting on November 27, Thanksgiving evening at 4 p.m. The event, now in its 23rd year, will benefit Sheltering Arms Senior Services and feature more than a half-million twinkling lights strung on 80 Christmas trees, a special appearance by Santa Claus, and an incredible fireworks extravaganza.

One of Houston's favorite family traditions, TXU Energy Uptown Holiday Lighting will take place in Uptown Houston on Post Oak Boulevard between San Felipe and Westheimer. The Houston Concert Band, Salvation Army Harbor Light Choir, Mariachi MECA and the Houston Choral Showcase will perform on the Macy's Holiday Stage, while holiday characters including Santa's larger-than-life reindeer, stroll along the boulevard.

The aroma of holiday sweets will fill the air, including apple cider, hot chocolate, cotton candy and kettle corn. In addition, children of all ages will join together in the annual sing-a-long to welcome Santa Claus as he illuminates the trees on Post Oak Boulevard. The evening finale will feature an awe-inspiring fireworks extravaganza set to holiday music.

### FREE PARKING:

Four Oaks Place, Fashion Square, Post Oak Plaza, Post Oak Central, Centre @ Post Oak, 777 Post Oak Boulevard, The Galleria, Dillard's parking garage and Williams Tower.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### 4:00 p.m.

- Holiday music and concessions

#### 5:00 p.m.

- The Macy's Holiday Stage will feature merry holiday tunes by the Houston Concert Band, the Salvation Army Harbor Light Choir, Mariachi MECA and the Houston Choral Showcase
- Strolling entertainment along Post Oak Boulevard

#### 7:00 p.m.

- Holiday sing-a-long, Special appearance by Santa Claus
- Illumination of more than a half-million twinkling lights on 80 trees and area buildings
- Dazzling fireworks extravaganza



## SHELTERING ARMS

The benefiting charity of the 23rd Annual TXU Energy Uptown Holiday Lighting is Sheltering Arms Senior Services. Receiving a percentage of concession sales from the event, Sheltering Arms is a nonprofit organization committed to the health and well-being of older adults and their family caregivers. Their mission is to promote the dignity and independence of older adults through service, advocacy, and support for caregivers. For more information go to [www.shelteringarms.org](http://www.shelteringarms.org)

## TURKEY TROT

The 16th Annual TXU Energy Turkey Trot is a healthy Thanksgiving tradition that takes place November 27 at Uptown Park. Benefiting Sheltering Arms Senior Services, the Turkey Trot begins at 8:00 a.m., and includes a 5K, 10K, Kids' K Race and a Post Race Party. For more information go to [www.shelteringarms.org](http://www.shelteringarms.org).



## 'TIS THE SEASON TO SAVE THROUGH TXU ENERGY'S HOLIDAY CENTS PROGRAM

TXU Energy is educating consumers statewide on ways to cook efficiently and decorate sensibly during the winter holiday season with their Holiday Cents Program.

### Keep these tips in mind when cooking and decorating during this holiday season:

- Cook outdoors
- Choose glass or ceramic pans for the oven; they heat faster than metal pans and temperatures can be set 25 degrees lower.
- Use microwaves as much as possible; they use much less electricity than a stove or oven and take less time to cook meals.
- Use slow cookers to cook a whole meal for about 17 cents worth of electricity.
- Clean burners and reflectors provide better heating, while saving energy.
- One strand of 50 LED lights uses about one-third less energy than a single traditional incandescent bulb.
- Unplug all holiday lights at the wall outlet before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Use pre-lit LED wreaths and artificial garlands; they provide considerable cost-savings year after year.
- Use timers to limit light and inflatable displays.

For more tips on ways to save during the holiday season, visit [www.txu.com/holidaytips](http://www.txu.com/holidaytips).

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