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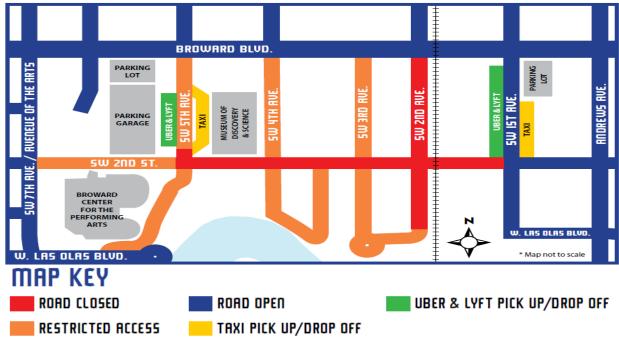
December 31, 2016

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE DOWNTOWN COUNTDOWN 2016

The Downtown Countdown 2016 celebration will feature a variety of activities for the entire family beginning at 3:30 P.M. and ending at approximately 8:30 P.M. Those festivities will include bounce houses, face painting, games and contests, a DJ and dancing, and an early ball drop countdown at 7:00 P.M. For the adult crowd, there will be live music from 8:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will head the public safety and security operations for this event.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has taken extensive measures for public safety and security in and around the event site. These measures consist of both visible and non-visible operations and include on-site and remote surveillance. We ask that the public assist and participate with ensuring a safe celebration by using your eyes and ears. If you see something, do not hesitate to say something.



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Road Closures: (http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/parks-recreation/special-events/downtown-countdown)

- > Saturday, December 31st 7:00 A.M. to Sunday, January 1st 8:00 A.M.
 - Southwest 2nd Street will be closed from Southwest 7th Avenue east to Southwest 1st Avenue
 - Southwest 5th Avenue will be restricted to vehicles entering and exiting the Performing Arts Center garage with no access to parking for Downtown Countdown attendees.
 - Southwest 2nd Avenue will be closed south of Broward Boulevard to the New River
 - Access to Southwest 3rd Avenue and Southwest 4th Avenues south of Broward Boulevard will be restricted to residents who live in the area and employees of nearby businesses. Motorist should expect long delays in movement, especially from 8 P.M. until 3 A.M.

In an effort to manage the expected attendance for this event, Fort Lauderdale Police Department personnel will be stationed at nearby intersections and crosswalks to assist with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, as well as throughout the event site.



Parking: (http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=6905)

- City Parking Garage (CPG)
 - > 150 Southeast 2nd Street
- County Lot II

- > 100 Southwest 1st Avenue
- Broward Governmental Garage
 - ➤ 151 Southwest 2nd Street
- 200 Las Olas Circle Garage
 - > 200 Southwest 1st Avenue
- Riverfront Garage
 - > 305 South Andrews Avenue
- Riverhouse Lot
 - > 220 Southwest 3rd Avenue

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department reminds motorists to only park in designated parking areas, as any parking violations will be strictly enforced.

Taxi Cabs/ Uber/ Lyft:

The City of Fort Lauderdale reminds for-hire vehicle operators to use only the designated locations for pick-ups and drop-offs. The two designated pick up/drop off locations are: Southwest 5th Avenue south of Broward Boulevard, and Southwest 1st Avenue south of Broward Boulevard. The use of any other locations for pick up/drop off will be strictly prohibited and enforced. These designated areas are for permitted Broward County Taxi cabs, Uber, and Lyft vehicles only.

Lost Child Prevention and Reunification Program:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be issuing wristbands for children up to age 12; free of charge. Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department tent, which will be stationed at Southwest 2nd Street and Southwest 4th Avenue.

This program allows for expedited reuniting of children with their parents, should they become separated. Parents are reminded to have discussions with their children, directing them to locate a uniformed police officer or fire rescue personnel should they become separated from their family.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department wishes all of our neighbors and visitors a very Happy and Safe New Year and we look forward to serving you in 2017.

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