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MANITOU SPRINGS
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

606 Manitou Avenue
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One of a Kind Event Planned in Manitou Springs' Downtown, November 24

Manitou Springs, Colorado (November 7, 2006) The Historic Shopping and Dining District in Manitou Springs will kick-off the holiday season on **Friday, November 24, with a distinctly Manitou version of a DOORBUSTERS event - which will begin at NOON on Friday** and continue all weekend long!

Participating merchants will be offering special discounts, promotions and refreshments to ease you into the spirit of the season. There's no need to get up at 5am and get "malled" this year - take your time, sleep in and start shopping at NOON!

Stay and take a refreshing break for dinner in one of our many and diverse restaurants, and then join us for the 2nd Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration! Spectators gathering at 6 pm in the 700 block of Manitou Avenue will be greeted for the free evening event with hot chocolate and cider as Santa's helpers prepare for his arrival. **Area choirs will gather in front of the Manitou Springs Public Library to sing traditional Christmas Carols.** Reverend David Hunting will emcee and lead the group in joyous celebration with traditional songs known by all. **Upon Santa's command, the shop owners will act in unison to turn on their holiday lights and illuminate the newly finished streetscape along the Avenue, followed by a fireworks display from the roof of Charlie's Pit Bar-B-Q, right across the street from the gathering.**

"This is a unique hometown holiday celebration", stated Reverend Hunting. "We want to celebrate our one-of-a-kind small town lifestyle and look forward to sharing with all of our neighbors during this special season of the year. Manitou's new streetscape improvements, along with generous donations of time and talent, give us the opportunity to invite everyone to join together to be thankful for our many blessings." concluded Hunting.

As an added bonus, stop by and show your receipts dated Friday, Nov. 24, Saturday, Nov. 25th or Sunday, Nov. 26th at the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau at 354 Manitou Avenue before 2 pm on Monday, and enter to win a \$500 Manitou Springs Shopping Spree! The winner will be drawn on Monday, November 27th at 3 pm, and notified immediately.

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