

## Hillsboro's Winter Village outdoor ice skating rink is open at Orenco Station

Hillsboro's Winter Village, the region's only open-air ice skating rink, is open at Orenco Station for the holiday season. The annual ice skating tradition, which takes over Jerry Willey Plaza and features 3,000 square feet of ice, kicked off last month and continues through new year's day. Skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome to take the long loop around the rink, which measures 115 feet long.

After gliding on the ice, skaters are invited to take in the holiday spirit at Orenco Station with a hot beverage, activities for youth, a little shopping, or a bite to eat.

Winter Village is open through January 1, 2018. Skating hours during winter vacation are 10:00am to 9:30pm. Available sessions, which last 90 minutes each, begin at 10:00am, noon, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 8:00pm. A 30-minute break to allow for ice resurfacing and skate maintenance takes place after each session.

The rink is open for a half-day on December 24



**OUTDOOR ICE SKATING.** Hillsboro's Winter Village, an open-air ice skating rink, is now open at Orenco Station for the holiday season. Skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome to take a loop around the rink, which measures 115 feet long. (Photo courtesy of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation)

and closed December 25.

Jerry Willey Plaza at Orenco Station is located at 943 N.E. Orenco Station Loop in Hillsboro (adjacent

to the Orenco Station MAX stop). To learn more, call (503) 615-3410 or visit <www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/WinterVillage>.

## Santaland items now on display at OHS

Generations of Oregonians have fond memories of the downtown Portland Meier & Frank department store's Santaland display. A ride on the iconic monorail and a chance to sit on Santa's lap became a Christmas tradition for many families.

Santaland, which was modelled after holiday themes popular in the 1940s and '50s, featured a vintage Christmas village for decades.

Following the closure of the Macy's downtown store (which purchased Meier & Frank in 2005), some items from Santaland were donated to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) and the Portland Business Alliance. During this holiday season, members of the community are invited to take a quick stroll down memory lane while admiring Santa's throne, Rudolph, animatronic elves, and a decorated Christmas tree.

Santa Claus is also visiting OHS on Saturday, December 23 from noon to 4:00pm, so bring the kids along.

Admission to view the



**SANTALAND.** Items from Meier & Frank's Santaland display, which was modelled after holiday themes popular in the 1940s and '50s and featured a vintage Christmas village, are on view at the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) museum through December 31. Pictured is a replica Meier & Frank truck and an animatronic elf, which are currently on display at the museum. (AR Photo)

Santaland display at OHS is free and the items are on view through December 31, 2017. The Oregon Historical Society museum is

located at 1200 S.W. Park Avenue in Portland. To learn more, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org/holidaycheer>.

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