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Last Call for The Harborside Express

GALVESTON, TX – The Galveston Railroad Museum, 2602 Santa Fe Place, urges railfans to jump on board the Harborside Express for the last rides for 2022. The train will run October 9, 15 & 16, before pausing to accommodate The Polar Express Train Ride that begins November 11. The train rides will resume in January 2023.

The Harborside Express offers the opportunity for kids of all ages to experience the excitement of a train ride. The whistle blows for the 15- minute ride that departs the train depot throughout each day. Tickets for the ride are \$7 per person and may be purchased prior to boarding.

The Galveston Railroad Museum will be closed Saturday, October 8, to accommodate the Rail Baron's Ball. The gala will benefit the Arthur Carmody, Jr., Memorial Rail Library to be housed in a retrofitted Amtrak baggage car. It will be business as usual on Sunday, October 9.

THE POLAR EXPRESS Train Ride opens November 11 and will run through December 23, 2022. Tickets are now available online. The adventure comes to life when the train departs for a round-trip journey to the North Pole led by a cast of talented actors. Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the classic story as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ for a one-hour trip to meet Santa. Once on board, the conductor will work his way through the coach and punch golden tickets before hot chocolate and a delicious cookie are served by dancing chefs. Passengers then read along with the classic children's book, *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg. Santa and his helpers board the train to greet passengers and each guest is given the first gift of Christmas. During the trip, characters on each car lead onboard entertainment – just like in the film! Each guest will take home a keepsake sleigh bell and souvenir golden ticket in addition to the wonderful memories made on this magical trip. Just like the kids in the book, families are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride! Commemorative merchandise is available year- round in the Museum store.

The POLAR EXPRESS sells out, so buy tickets now to ensure your seat. The Galveston Railroad Museum is open daily 10 am – 5 pm, and offers complimentary parking. Admission is Adults \$12, Seniors \$9, Students 12 yrs. and under \$7, Under 3 free. Programs and admission are benefits of membership. For additional information go to www.GalvestonRRMuseum.org or call (409) 765-5700.

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