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# News Release

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## Special Events staff now accepting parade applications *Christmas in the Park set for Thursday, Dec. 7*

MURPHY (November 6, 2017) The highly-popular, but admittedly small, Murphy Christmas Parade is scheduled for its third annual run during this year's Christmas in the Park celebration.

"What started out as a fun way to open up the Christmas celebration has turned into a wonderful holiday tradition," says Kayla McFarland, Special Events Coordinator. "The creativity and imagination that go into these little floats make it a memorable part of our Christmas event."

Christmas in the Park is set for Thursday, Dec. 7 starting at 5:20 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Murphy City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road.

As usual, the Christmas Parade will be fully contained within the Murphy Municipal Complex, maintaining a safe route for pull wagons, bicycles, walkers, golf carts, ATVs, and other non-street legal motorized vehicles.

The parade opens the seasonal event with a 5:20 p.m. step off from the open bays at the Fire Department. The quarter-mile route then winds along the sidewalk adjacent to the City pond, then turns along City Hall Court over the bridge toward the large soccer practice fields where it again turns toward the grassy mall directly in front of the City Hall entrance.

Once there, the celebration continues with booths, exhibits and the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree. Scheduled to flip the switch to illuminate the tree is Mayor Scott Bradley. He'll be joined by Santa Claus, bringing the celebration to life.

Applications for parade entries can be completed online at <http://www.murphytx.org/617/Christmas-Parade>. There is no charge to enter, and deadline for entering is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17.

Prizes will be awarded for Best in Show in each of the three major categories: Business category; Church/Civic category; and Band/School category.

Entries can arrive by 4:15 p.m., and must be in place no later than 5 p.m. Candy throwing is not allowed, but accompanying walkers may hand out sweets to parade watchers. Also, no live Santa Claus can be included on the float.

Questions can be sent via email to [events@murphytx.org](mailto:events@murphytx.org) or by phone to 972-468-4163.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.