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# News Release

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## Confirmation of yearly visit from the Jolly Ol' Elf arrives

### *Santa's calendar highlighted by Christmas in the Park*

MURPHY (November 18, 2014) Official word has reached Murphy that Santa Claus has confirmed his arrival on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Complex for Christmas in the Park, says Kayla McFarland, Recreation Services Coordinator.

"Until we get that official notification on North Pole letterhead, we're on pins and needles," she said. "Now that we have the confirmation, we can rest easy knowing that the star of our show will be here." A wink and a smile accompanied the confirmation.

Christmas in the Park is set for Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. staged on the lawn facing the entry of City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road. The annual event is a presentation of the Murphy Community Development Corporation.

"Admission to the event is free, although there will be food and craft items for purchase," she added. "Parking is available in the lots surrounding the lawn, as well as at Kimbrough Stadium with complimentary shuttles to and from the parking area."

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Eric Barna will share his thoughts on the Christmas season and light the community Christmas tree, a tradition that continues to captivate the young and old every year.

"In addition to all of the usual activities, we will bring back the marshmallow roasting and live reindeer," she added. "All sorts of food will be available and hot drinks will be provided. Our popular craft fair may have the perfect gift you're seeking for that hard-to-please friend or relative. And, the Rad Hatter promises to crown participants with unique toppers."

An ATM will be on site as most food and craft vendors will only accept cash.

"We can still use volunteers," she said. "As a reward, we will provide pizza from Marco's Pizza to those who give us a hand that evening." Volunteers may sign up at [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org).

Choirs from a number of schools will provide seasonal entertainment throughout the evening.

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**ABOUT MURPHY** -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, 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. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. 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.