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Murphy announces office closures, trash schedule *Holiday shift on for Christmas Day and New Year's Day*

MURPHY (December 15, 2014) In commemoration of the Christmas holiday season, the City of Murphy will close its administrative offices intermittently between now and the New Year, says City Manager James Fisher.

"The City Council has affirmed our closure schedule for the holidays," he said. "Our hope is that employees and their families pause during this time of year and take advantage of the time to reconnect with each other. We often ask our employees to work long hours, and this is a chance for them to slow down and enjoy the true meaning of the season."

Administrative offices will close on Thursday, Dec. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate an employee appreciation luncheon, hosting by the City Manager, Mayor and Council.

The following week, offices will close on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. They will remain closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 and the following day, Friday, Dec. 26. Offices will reopen on Monday, Dec. 29 and close on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 to celebrate the start of the New Year.

"As always, our public safety personnel will be at full strength throughout the holidays," he added. "Police and fire service will be uninterrupted, including 9-1-1. I would ask that if you see a police officer or firefighter during the holidays that you acknowledge the sacrifice they are making for our safety."

Trash and recycling collection will also be affected.

During Christmas week, there will be no pickup on Dec. 25. That day's collection will move to Friday, Dec. 26 and Friday's collection will shift to Saturday, Dec. 27. Similarly, there will be no pickup on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015. That day's collection will occur on Friday, Jan. 2, and Friday's collection will shift to Saturday, Jan. 3.

No other days will be affected during either week.

Also, natural Christmas trees left curbside will be picked up on the residents' normal trash day. Lights, ornaments, tinsel, garland and other items must be removed. Flocked trees must be wrapped in plastic. Trees containing flocking material are not recyclable and must be disposed of separately.

"We wish all of our residents, especially those who volunteer as members of boards and commissions or who volunteers during our special events, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," said Fisher.

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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 27th 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.