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Annual Christmas in the Park event set for December 7 *Sponsored by CoServ, the event will debut a new tree*

MURPHY (November 9, 2023) The joyful sights and sounds of the Christmas season will once again fill the Murphy City Hall complex as the annual Christmas in the Park, powered by CoServ, is set for Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The traditional lighting of the community Christmas tree will open the festivities as Mayor Scott Bradley will lead the countdown and flip the switch, illuminating the hundreds of colorful lights that adorn the tree. This year, the City will debut a new feature on the tree with the addition of favorite holiday tunes.

The free event follows this year's theme of "Santa's Village." Part of the overall theme will include a "Your Favorite Christmas Movie," Christmas display competition. These displays created and showcased by community members depicting their favorite movies will compete for fun prizes. Among the awards will be "The Mayoral Award," the "Best Display According to Theme," the "Peoples' Choice," and the whimsical "Griswold Award." The Griswold award makes reference to the movie in which the display is shockingly outrageous.

Residents wishing to display their creativity and enter the themed competition should visit <https://murphytx.org/936/Christmas-Display-Contest> for rules and the entry form.

Also among this year's new attractions are a fun 8-foot ice slide, a screening of the movie "Elf," and holiday themed inflatables. The popular s'mores station returns this year, along with photo opportunities with Santa Claus and a live reindeer.

Kids and kids-at-heart can write letters to Santa, holiday greeting cards to area veterans, and notes of encouragement to nursing home residents. Attendees will be invited to build a craft at Santa's Workshop and Santa's better half will be present to share Cookies with Mrs. Claus.

Holiday shoppers will be pleased to browse among 16 market vendors selling one-of-a-kind and handmade gifts. A scavenger hunt featuring Elf on a Shelf will keep youngsters eagerly occupied.

As part of their annual toy drive, members of the Murphy Fire Department will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls to benefit the Collin County Advocacy Center.

Delicious dinner items will be available for purchase from The Chatter Box, The Pink Company, Soft Serve Social and Travelin' Tom's Coffee, offering hot chocolate, cider, eggnog and more!

Plenty of on-site parking is available throughout the City Hall lot. Pets are welcome, but owners are asked to be responsible for picking up pet waste.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. 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 its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.