

Holiday fun in Mustang

The popular Festival of Trees returns Dec. 4; Breakfast with Santa returns Dec. 9

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It's difficult to believe, but the holidays are just weeks away – marked first by one of Mustang's most popular events, Festival of Trees.

The annual city parks and recreation department event is set from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Mustang Town Center and features refreshments, children's activities, music and the annual city Christmas tree lighting – as well as the first appearance of Santa for the season, organizers said.

There will be prize giveaways and other surprises during the event, which features free admission and low-cost concessions available for purchase. Situated throughout much of the community center, Festival of Trees annually draws hundreds of people, young and old, to take part and enjoy the kick-off of the holiday season.

Mr. Claus returns to Town Center on Saturday, Dec. 9, for Breakfast with Santa, which combines a pancake breakfast with photos with Santa and holiday crafts and games. The special event, which – like Festival of Trees – draws hundreds of people each year and is held from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Light up the tree!

WHAT: Festival of Trees

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Mustang Town Center

DETAILS: This free event is perfect for the entire family as there will be music, refreshments, activities and a visit from Santa and his friends.

Reservations are required, and cost is \$7 per person. Registration opens online beginning Nov. 20 online or can be accomplished in person by visiting Mustang Parks and Recreation's front desk. More information and the registration link is located online at <http://www.cityofmustang.org/parksrec/page/breakfast-santa-2>.

In addition to fun with Santa, several other holiday-themed activities are set throughout December. Those include:

Dec. 1 – Art Series, Making Ornaments

Designed for children ages 7 years old and up and their families, ornament making is part of a year-round art series held at Town Center and conducted by Mustang artist Kristen Polson. The Dec. 1 session begins at 6 p.m. and costs \$5 per person. Those interested in registering for the class can contact Polson at Kpolson82@gmail.com or



call 405-819-9313.

Dec. 12 – Holiday Cooking Decorating

For those whose favorite part of the holidays is the chance for sweet treats, three sessions on Dec. 12 are a perfect way to indulge. Sugar cookies, icing and decorations will be provided for participants attending at 10:30 a.m., 4:40 p.m. or 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required and cost is \$5 per person. More information is available online at <http://www.cityofmustang.org/parksrec/page/holiday-cookie-decorating>.



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Mustang Parks and Recreation Department is counting down to Christmas with the Dec. 1 Festival of Trees and Dec. 9 Breakfast with Santa. The two popular annual events are just part of a series of holiday-themed city-sponsored activities.