

Home for the Holidays

Tuttle's annual Christmas festival spreads holiday cheer

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Tuttle's Tenth Annual Home for the Holidays Christmas festival is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. in downtown Tuttle near City Hall, located at 301 West Main Street.

The quaint hometown Christmas festival will feature a parade, town tree lighting, a children's crafts area, carriage rides through town, and a lot more.

Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas celebration without an appearance from Santa Clause. Santa will be stationed in the city council chambers at Tuttle City Hall.

Tuttle Parks and Recreation Coordinator Amber Riley said a key focus to this year's festival will be reducing the foot traffic inside city hall. With multiple attractions in city hall, previous Home for the Holidays celebrations left the hallways and council chambers congested.

"We don't want it to be too difficult to get in and out of the building," Riley said. "We're probably going to have an information area in city hall, just for the simple fact that it will be cold. Then, we're going to have Santa here, and that's plenty of people inside city hall."

Santa Claus is coming to town!

WHAT: Home for the Holidays

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Downtown Tuttle

DETAILS: See Santa, take a carriage ride, enjoy crafts, musical entertainment and a parade at the tenth annual Christmas festival.



Carriage rides through downtown Tuttle will be \$5.

There will be a cash prize for the winning float in the Parade of Lights. The nighttime parade will light up Main Street downtown Tuttle, beginning at 6 p.m. that evening.

The second week of December, Tuttle Elementary students will hang ornaments on the town Christmas tree which is donated annually by Martinbird Tree Farm. The town tree lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m., and festival goers are encouraged to bring an

ornament to add.

Riley said last week that it will be Martinbird Tree Farm's 30th Anniversary and that the donation of the tree is much appreciated.

"They give us the tree and it's expensive," Riley said. "That's a big deal. We here at the city really appreciate that and we hope the community does too."

Food, craft and merchant vendors will be located heavily along, and adjacent to, Northwest 3rd Street.

For more information, check out the city's Home for the Holidays event on Facebook.



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Visit with Santa or enjoy the numerous attractions found at this year's Home for the Holidays Christmas festival.