

Yukon lighting up the park for the holidays



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For more than two decades the City of Yukon has celebrated the holiday season with a variety of activities that draw people from across the metro area and beyond.

And this year is no different with the 25th annual Christmas in the Park which starts Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at Chisholm Trail Park. This holiday spectacular will then run nightly from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. through New Year's Eve.

Christmas in the Park is one of the

premiere drive-thru Christmas lights tours, said Jenna Roberson, public information officer/media specialist for the City of Yukon.

She said motorists drive along miles of illuminated fun to enjoy a presentation of light, movement, and music. Included are over 425 lighted displays and five million Christmas lights twinkling across 100 acres of three interconnecting city parks.

"It's no wonder Christmas in the Park holds the distinction of largest drive-thru light display in Oklahoma, boasting over 5 million lights and 500 whimsical displays," Roberson

said.

City Manager Jim Crosby said Christmas in the Park allows visitors to enjoy the light display from the safety of their cars due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The great thing about Christmas in the Park is that it easily lends itself to social distancing," Crosby said. "The lights are spread out over 100 acres, and the majority of our visitors take the drive-thru tour and stay in their car."

Seeing the magnificence of millions of lights over three interconnected parks, no one would guess

that it started out as a handful of displays around the Yukon Community Center.

"We wanted to spread Christmas cheer in the community, so we decorated the Community Center," Crosby said. "Year after year, more and more people, businesses and organizations jumped on board to add to the attraction. With their help, it turned into the magnificent spectacle it is today."

For more information about Christmas in the Park, visit www.yukonok.gov/ChristmasinthePark or call (405)-354-8442.

