

# Mayor to light Christmas tree before parade Saturday

Dickson Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. will light the city's Christmas tree in a ceremony prior to the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The tree-lighting ceremony in Tom H. Waychoff Memorial Park begins at 5:00 pm and will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus and a preview of the upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol, the Musical" presented by members of The Renaissance Players.

"Our Public Works team has the tree up and beautifully decorated for Saturday night," said Nikki Holland, program coordinator for the city's Parks and Recreation Department. "It's ready to shine and ready for families to enjoy, whether they're snapping Christmas photos or strolling through downtown to eat, shop and take in the season."

The Renaissance Players will perform excerpts from their upcoming show starting at 5:00 pm.

The Renaissance Players present "A Christmas Carol, the Musical" Dec. 5-14 in the auditorium at Creek Wood High School. The musical version of the popular Christmas story is directed by Rachel Rinehart, with Caleb Wray as music director and Alaina Deaver as choreographer. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 13 and under and are available through [renplayers.com](http://renplayers.com).

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to assist Mayor Weiss in lighting the Christmas tree at 5:30 pm. Two years ago, the Parks and Recreation Department added snow machines at Waychoff Park to enhance the seasonal experience.

Following the tree-lighting, the Downtown Dickson merchants present the annual Christmas Parade starting at 6:00 pm with the theme "Christmas Through the Decades."

Lineup for the parade begins at 4:00 pm on the campus of Dickson County High School. The parade will begin through the east exit onto North Charlotte Street and turn right. It turns left on McFarland Lane and crosses to Highway 48/Main Street where it turns right and heads into downtown. The parade will turn left on East College Street between Hodges Jewelers and Waychoff Park and proceed to Academy Street where it will disband on the campus of Dickson Middle School.

Parade participants should have received an email with information on where to line up at DCHS.

Christmas in Downtown Dickson will be 5:00-9:00 pm Friday, Dec. 5. It will feature extended shopping hours, visits with Santa Claus in Waychoff Park, carriage rides sponsored by The Bank of Dickson, entertainment and refreshments throughout downtown and a Christmas tree lot at the site of the former Nicks Hardware on South Main Street.

The annual Christmas Parade and Christmas in Downtown Dickson are presented by downtown merchants and organized by the Downtown Events Committee.