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Christmas in the Park moved to Wednesday, Dec. 11 *Weather forecast causes officials to postpone popular event*

MURPHY (December 4, 2013) The safety, comfort and wellbeing of Murphy residents rose to the top of the list of reasons to move the annual Christmas in the Park from tomorrow to Wednesday, Dec. 11, according to James Fisher, City Manager.

“In consultation with Mayor (Eric) Barna, the Council and the City staff, I made the decision to postpone the event until next week. The prospect of rain, sleet, icy roads, and windy conditions was enough to convince us that it was prudent to postpone,” he said.

The event, to be held at the Municipal Complex, 206 North Murphy Road, is still set for a 5:30 p.m. start and an 8:30 p.m. conclusion.

“We’ve made contact with the performers, vendors and exhibitors, and the vast majority are available next week. Texas weather simply makes it necessary to be flexible, and that’s exactly what we’re doing,” he added.

The event, an annual celebration of the Christmas season, includes photos with Santa; arts and crafts for youngsters to create tree ornaments, photo frames and Christmas hats; marshmallow roasting; live reindeer, and kids will even be able to make reindeer food to attract Santa and his reindeer on Christmas Eve; food; drinks; a tree decorating contest; and plenty of live and recorded seasonal music.

Parking is free at Tom Kimbrough Stadium and a constant stream of shuttle buses take attendees between the stadium parking lot and the Municipal Complex throughout the evening.

The event is free, although food, drink and gift items from vendors are available for purchase. An automatic teller machine will be on-site for the convenience of participants.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. Determined to maintain a country living ambiance, city planners strive to preserve that feel while still exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities.