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Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Jolly Old Santa Claus to Visit Athens Children En Route to North Pole

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – December 10, 2022 – He’s made his list and now he is out checking it twice. The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department and Athens Fire Department are pleased to announce they have, once again, made arrangements for Santa Claus to visit the children of Athens, right before his official Christmas visit.

Santa will be visiting the neighborhoods starting around Decatur Pike (Highway 30) and ending near Congress Parkway (Highway 11) on Thursday, December 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. He will also visit the neighborhoods starting at North City to City Park on Friday, December 23, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Athens Fire Department will escort Santa Claus around the city in a white pickup truck with red lights, to give his reindeer a rest and his elves time to perform maintenance on his sleigh prior to their journey around the world on Christmas Eve.

“The Fire and Parks departments are definitely on the nice list this year for taking me through town again to visit all the boys and girls of Athens. The reindeer need a break before our busy night so I can’t wait to bring them back some treats from the Friendly City,” said Santa on a recent phone call to the city.

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department and Athens Fire Department are proud to sponsor this annual tradition and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In the event of rain, Santa can be visited at Station 1 between the hours of 5-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Athens Parks and Recreation at 423-744-2700 EXT 3 or email recreation@athenstn.gov

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

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