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Employee News

Parks & Rec welcomes new employee, DeNise Brewer. She has been hired in the position of Office Assistant at the Everett Senior Center. She is a Maryville native, mother of two children and has two grandchildren. We welcome her to the Parks & Rec Family.



Reindeer Run Road Race & Fun Run/Walk

This run, which is the third leg of the Healthy Blount Triple Crown of Running, is a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. **A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Empty Pantry Fund.** Awards will be given to the overall and masters winners and the top three finishers in each age division. Prizes will also be given to the best male and female Christmas costume. All Fun Run/Walk participants will receive a ribbon. The Triple Crown of Running award ceremony will take place at this event.

Date: Sunday, December 2
Time: Check-in 12:45 - 1:30 PM
5K Race - 2:00 PM
Fun Run/Walk - 2:30 PM

Registration: For online registration go to www.parksrec.com and click on the Special Events page.



Forms may also be obtained at the Parks & Rec Office.
Fee: \$17.00 if pre-registered by 3:00 PM November 29. \$20.00 day of the race. The fee includes a long-sleeve T-shirt and great give away items.

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS EVENTS SCHEDULE

H.O.M.E. For Christmas

Enjoy music, vendors, light refreshments and the tree lighting at the Martin Luther King Community Center in Alcoa. This event is hosted by the center and Hall-Oldfield-Maryville Empowerment, Inc.

Date: November 24 Music & Vendors: 4:00-8:00 PM Tree Lighting: 6:15 PM

City of Maryville Tree Lighting

Enjoy the City of Maryville Tree Lighting ceremony at the pedestrian bridge at Pistol Creek Station leading to the Library. The program will feature music, refreshments, a candy hunt for Ages 2-12, and visits with Santa Claus in the Library at the end of the event. In case of inclement weather, the entire event will be held inside.

Event is free.

Date : December 3 Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM Visit with Santa: 7:30 PM

Springbrook Splendor

Celebrate the lighting of the City of Alcoa Christmas Tree in the Upper Fields of Springbrook Park where the trails will be lit with luminaries. Following the ceremony, there will be special music, refreshments, visits with Santa Claus, and hay rides for the children. **Event is free.**

Date: November 26 Rain/Snow Date: November 27 Time: 6:15 PM

Festival of Trees

The lawn of the Blount County Courthouse will be illuminated with a display of live Christmas trees of all sizes, colors, and decorative themes. This unique month-long event allows the community to enjoy the festival either by driving by or walking through for a closer look. The official opening of the Festival will take place on the Courthouse lawn and will include music, refreshments, visits with Santa Claus, and hay rides for the children. **Event is free.**

Date: November 29 Lighting Ceremony Time: 6:30 PM

Santa Calls

Children in Blount County can enjoy a very special telephone call from Santa Claus **free of charge** thanks to the continued support of volunteers from the Maryville-Alcoa Civitan Club who provide special phone lines from the North Pole.

Dates: 3 - 5 years old - December 4 6 - 7 years old - December 6

Time: All calls are made between the hours of 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Registration: Applications may be obtained online at www.parksrec.com by going to Hometown Christmas on the Special Events page OR at the Parks & Rec Administrative Office. **Registration deadline is November 30.**

The Parks & Rec Administrative Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 22-23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Special Olympics News

Area 15 Special Olympics of Blount County was well represented recently with two athletes, Robin Fitzgerald and Alyssa Weiss, traveling to Chattanooga to compete in the Tennessee Special Olympics Bowling Competition. Each athlete competed in the singles division of her age group and took top honors and was awarded the Gold Medal. Congratulations to both athletes!

Area 15 Special Olympics "Athlete of the Year", Robbie Ellis, was recently honored by the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame at their annual banquet. Robbie competes as an adult independent athlete. Pictured at left is Robbie and Area 15 Director, Cookie Crowson, in attendance at the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet held at the Airport Hilton.



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