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Reindeer Run Road Race & Fun Run/Walk



This race, 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 8 Time: Check-in 12:30 - 1:30 PM 5K Race - 2:00 PM Fun Run/Walk - 2:30

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 December 5, \$20.00 day of the race. The fee includes a long-sleeve T-shirt and great give away items.

No baby strollers, bicycles, roller blades or dogs are allowed to be used by or with any participant during the 5K race.



The Parks & Rec Administrative Office will be closed Thursday and Friday,

November 28-29 for Thanksgiving.

HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS EVENTS SCHEDULE

H.O.M.E. For Christmas

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

Event is free. Date: November 30

Music & Light Refreshments: 4:00-6:30 PM Tree Lighting: 6:15 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: December 2 Rain/Snow Date: December 3 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, and hay rides for the children. Event is free.

Date: December 5

Tree Lighting Ceremony Time: 6:30 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, light 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 9 Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM Visit with Santa: 7:30 PM

Santa Calls

Children in Blount County can enjoy a special 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 10 6 - 7 years old - December 12
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 December 2.

Special Olympics News



Area 15 Special Olympics was represented recently with four athletes from Eagleton Middle School; Dakota Dunn, Derek Kyle, Marenda Massengale & Andrew Motychak; and Independent Athlete, Robin Fitzgerald competing in the Tennessee Special Olympics Bowling Competition in Chattanooga. This group, pictured top left, brought home six bronze medals and two fifth place and one sixth place ribbons in individual and team competitions. Congratulations to all five athletes on a great job representing Area 15!

Area 15 Special Olympics "Athlete of the Year", Boyd Webb, was recently honored by the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame at their annual banquet. Boyd competes as an adult independent athlete. Pictured at bottom left is Boyd and his coach, Tommy Spears, in attendance at the Hall of Fame banquet.

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