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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 two adults and two youth for Best 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 7

**Time:** Check-in 12:30 - 1:30 PM

5K Race - 2:00 PM

1 Mile Run/Walk - 2:30

**Registration:** For online registration and a course map go to [www.parksrec.com](http://www.parksrec.com) and click on the Triple Crown of Running. Forms may also be obtained at the Parks & Rec Office.

**Fee:** Adults \$18.00, Students 18 & under \$15.00 if pre-registered by 3:00 PM December 4. Day of race Adults \$25.00, Students \$20.00 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.*

### HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### 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 1

**Rain/Snow Date:** December 2

**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 4

**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 8

**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 9

6 - 7 years old - December 11

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

**Registration:** Applications may be obtained online at [www.parksrec.com](http://www.parksrec.com) by going to Hometown Christmas on the Special Events page OR at the Parks & Rec Administrative Office. Deadline to register is Dec. 1 at 5:00 PM.



The Parks & Rec Administrative Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

### Special Olympics News

Area 15 Special Olympics "Athlete of the Year", Robin Fitzgerald, was recently honored by the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame at their annual banquet. Robin competes as an adult independent athlete and was honored this past summer to represent the State of Tennessee at the U.S. Special Olympics held in Princeton, N.J. We are very proud of Robin for winning gold medals in both the Women's Team and Singles Tennis and a 6th place in Women's Doubles.

Area 15 was also represented recently in the Tennessee Special Olympics Bowling Competition by independent athlete, Robbie Ellis. The state competition was held in Columbia, Tennessee. Congratulations to Robbie on winning a silver medal and for doing a great job representing Area 15!



Robin is pictured at the banquet with her proud parents, Ray and Fran Horton.

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