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John Sevier Pool Update

The current renovation of the pool building is very near to completion and the pool will reopen in May 2017. We are very happy to announce the Parks and Recreation Commissioners have approved the purchase of a new double flume water slide for the facility. A slide of this type has been often requested by the pool patrons. Funded by the Maryville's Capitol Improvements Fund, it will be similar to the slide pictured here.



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.**

Date: Sunday, December 4

Time: Check-in 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

5K Race - 2:00 p.m.

1 Mile Run/Walk - 2:45

Registration: For online registration, complete rules and a course map go to www.parksrec.com. Click on the Triple Crown of Running. Forms may also be obtained at the Parks & Rec Office.

Fee: Adults \$20.00, Students 18 & under \$18.00 if pre-registered by **November 28**. Day of race -Adults \$25.00, Students \$20.00 The fee includes a T-shirt (add \$1.50 for XXL) and many nice give away items.

The Parks & Rec Administrative Office will be closed Nov. 24-25 for Thanksgiving .

H.O.M.E. for Christmas

Hall-Oldfield-Maryville Empowerment Inc. (H.O.M.E.) and the MLK Community Center partner for this annual community celebration to kick-off the Christmas holidays. Enjoy music, family fun, light refreshments and a performance from the MLK Center's children.

Date: November 26 *Rain/Snow Date:* November 29

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.



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 28

Rain/Snow Date: November 29

Time: 6:15 p.m.

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 1

Tree Lighting Ceremony Time: 6:30 p.m.

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 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 5

Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Visit with Santa: 7:00 p.m.

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 6

6 - 7 years old - December 8

Time: All calls are made between the hours of 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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 at 316 S. Everett High Road in Maryville. The deadline to register is Tuesday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Olympics News

Area 15 Special Olympics "Athlete of the Year", Shellie Vance was recently honored by the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame at the annual banquet. She is the daughter of Dina and Jimmy Vance and a 2008 graduate of William Blount High School where she was a member of the William Blount Singers. She continues to use her gifted voice to entertain including singing "Amazing Grace" a cappella for the Hall of Fame banquet attendees. She also often performs at Special Olympics events. Shellie currently attends the Gateway to Independence known as "The Gate." She is pictured at left with Parks & Recreation Office Manager, Tisha Welshan, during the banquet festivities.



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