



City of Wylie
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PRESS RELEASE

Wylie Arts Festival Dec. 7
Parade, Tree Lighting Dec. 1

Wylie, Texas, Oct. 1, 2019 – The City of Wylie and the Public Arts Advisory Board proudly present the eighth annual Wylie Arts Festival Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the FBC Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Ave. Join us in historic downtown Wylie and shop for fine art and unique, handmade crafts at more than 150 vendors, listen to the sounds of the season, and enjoy festive foods. Admission is free.

Unique Arts & Craft Vendors

The Wylie Arts Festival is the perfect opportunity to cross some names off your Christmas list or treat yourself. Shop at more than 150 vendors, handpicked by the Public Arts Board to ensure a diverse, unique selection of quality handmade fine art and craft items. From jewelry to home décor to clothing to paintings to one-of-a-kind gift items, there is something for everyone. The downtown merchants also invite you to discover the many shops on Ballard Avenue in downtown Wylie.

Festive Foods

Historic downtown will be filled with more than just the sights and sounds of the holidays; the smell of festive food will be in the air, including fried Oreos and Snickers, roasted corn on the cob, smoked chicken nachos, chocolate-dipped strawberries, ice cream and bananas, fried okra poppers, caramel apples, funnel cakes, foot-long hot dogs, fudge, toffee, sausage on a stick and more. Stop by and check out the selection.

Children's Activities

Kids will enjoy a selection of inflatables, face painting, henna painting, children's canvas art painting and other art activities, petting zoo, pony rides and more. And check out our vendors' wide selection of handmade children's items.

For more details on the Wylie Arts Festival, visit WylieTexas.gov/artsfestival.

Parade, Tree Lighting

The previous week, Sunday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., FBC Wylie presents its Christmas parade down Ballard Avenue. Following the parade, join Mayor Hogue in Olde City Park, 112 S. Ballard Ave., for the annual reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," aka "The Night Before Christmas." Wylie High School's Tempo choir will provide seasonal music, and the mayor and special guests will throw the big switch and light the Christmas tree.

About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 26th Best Place to Live in the Country.