



Christmas Activities in Historic Downtown Wylie

Wylie, Texas, Nov. 4, 2019 – There will be lots to see and do in historic downtown Wylie as the holidays draw near.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, FBC Wylie will host its annual **Christmas Parade** on Ballard Avenue. Those wishing to enter a float or group in the parade will find a link at WylieTexas.gov. Following the parade, head for Olde City Park for the **tree lighting**, where Mayor Eric Hogue will read “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” (aka “’Twas the Night Before Christmas”). Wylie High School’s Tempo choir will perform songs of the season, and then the big switch will be thrown, lighting the Olde City Park Christmas tree.

The following Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., it’s the **Wylie Arts Festival** in FBC Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Ave. 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. There will be a children’s area with bounce houses, a petting zoo, barrel train and more, and plenty of festive fair food. The downtown merchants also invite everyone to discover the many shops and restaurants on Ballard Avenue.

For more information, visit WylieTexas.gov or call 972-516-6016.

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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 (population almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25th in 2015. Financial website NerdWallet named Wylie the Best Small City for Young Families in August 2016. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017. SafeWise named Wylie the ninth safest city in Texas in 2017.