

Plans set for Courtyard Christmas events in downtown Scottsburg on November 28

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Plans have been finalized for a very nice Courtyard Christmas Celebration for the public to enjoy in downtown Scottsburg on Saturday, November 28.

Music, the lighted parade, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and free horse-drawn carriage rides will all be a part of the festivities as will several downtown merchants who plan to have their doors open to greet families, couples and individuals in the holiday spirit.

All downtown merchants and building owners are encouraged to decorate their windows for Christmas.

Holiday music will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the gazebo on the southeast side of the Courthouse. Scottsburg Mayor Bill Graham will be on hand to greet all and to give the signal to turn on downtown Christmas lights.

With entries following the theme of "Let Freedom Ring with the Bells of Christmas," the parade will begin at 6 p.m. and follow its normal route of east on State Road 56 (McClain Avenue, following the flow of traffic around the square and continuing straight on Wardell Street to reconnect with Washington Street and disperse at the original gathering place, the Scottsburg Elementary School's parking lot.

Parade watchers are encouraged to show their patriotism and respect as veterans on a special float ride by. Any veteran who would like to be on the float can call the Mayor's Office at 812-752-3169.

Every entry must display some type of lighting. Want to know more about how to participate? Call the Mayor's Office for information. People can also receive instructions on where to take donations of lights and Christmas decorations for the Courtyard Christmas Committee to use.

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Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be part of the parade. Their float will stop on Wardell St. to allow them to disembark and walk through the courtyard crowd to Santa's Castle, located on the northeast side of the courtyard. They will greet every child and pose for photos throughout the evening.

Carriage rides will begin after the parade. People who would like to take one of those rides should line up on the sidewalk on the southeast corner of the courtyard.

Families who can't be a part of the events on November 28 are welcome to come back to Santa's Castle on the three Saturdays before Christmas, December 5, 12 and 19. Santa will make a special trip to the Castle and visit with youngsters from 3 to 6 p.m.

He'll be wearing his old-fashioned, traditional robe on December 5. On December 12, he will be garbed in the more familiar red-and-white suit.

On December 19, Santa Claus will be dressed as G.I. Santa. A special collection for the Wounded Warrior program will be taken that day.

Youngsters can also leave their letters addressed to Santa Claus at the North Pole at a new mailbox that is being installed at Santa's Castle throughout the holidays.

Students from the Scottsburg Middle School Builders Club will be taking donations for the Salvation Army during the event on November 28 and on each of the three Saturdays children can visit with Santa at his Castle.

Among partners and sponsors for Courtyard Christmas are the City of Scottsburg, the Scott County Visitors Commission and Scottsburg MainStreet.