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HES/energynet Night Christmas Parade Comes Back Home *Downtown Hopkinsville will host 2021's "Home for the Holidays"*

Hopkinsville, KY — The HES/energynet Night Christmas Parade will once again magically light up downtown Hopkinsville on Saturday, December 11 at 5:15 pm as the parade returns after a COVID absence in 2020. The 2021 parade theme will appropriately be "Home for the Holidays" as our community and country continue to rally from the pandemic's impact.

Parade co-grand marshals will be "First and Front Line Responders" as the parade salutes those who have led the daily battle against COVID in up-close and personal duty. One representative from the Hopkinsville Fire Department, Hopkinsville Police Department, Christian Co. Sheriff's Office, Christian County Emergency Management,

Christian County Health Department and Jennie Stuart Health will lead the parade together.

The nighttime spectacular will have attendees oohing and awing as local businesses and organizations come to show off their moving light displays as the parade moves south on Main Street and wind its way from Glass Avenue to 13th Street.

“HES/energynet is excited to see the Christmas night parade return to Hopkinsville this year,” said Jeff Hurd, General Manager, Hopkinsville Electric System/energynet. We are proud to sponsor this holiday event which will recognize all the front-line responders who protect and serve our community. HES/energynet wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy the “Home for the Holidays” night parade.

“Everyone is looking forward to the HES/energynet Christmas parade as a huge part of the local holiday tradition,” said Tab Brockman, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. “The floats, bands, golf carts, businesses and clubs all enter fabulous units that turn downtown into a brilliant display of lights and sounds. It’s even more special this year since we are honoring those who have led the battle against COVID as our Grand Marshals.”

Traditional display units and Christmas-themed floats will be joined once again by holiday decorated golf carts. The Christmas Parade Golf Cart Division — sponsored by Western Hills Municipal Golf Course — allows for entries that are less costly or time-consuming to build.

Cash prizes will be presented for the traditional floats and golf carts. WKDZ/WHVO is back in 2021 to sponsor the “People’s Choice Award,” presented to the most popular float as voted on by the public.

The deadline for Christmas Parade float registration is Friday, Nov. 19. The cost to enter a float into the parade is \$20 and a new toy. Registration forms are available for pickup at the Thomas Street Rec Center at 2600 Thomas Street. Forms can also be downloaded from the web at hoptownrec.com.

The HES/energynet Night Christmas Parade will wrap a fantastic holiday weekend in Hoptown as the Community Christmas Tree Lighting takes place at Founders Square on December 10 at 6:00 pm. The popular Skating On the Square will return for a two-day run on the ice December 11-12, also at Founders Square. The Farmers Holiday Market will also take place on the same Saturday.

For more information on the HES/energynet Christmas please contact Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation at 270-887-4290.

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