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Due to a conflict with another major community event, the Burleson Rotary Club's annual lighted Christmas parade and the City's tree lighting and fireworks show have been moved to Friday, Dec. 9. Breakfast With Santa will go on, with doors opening Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 a.m. at the Senior Activity Center.

The Christmas parade will now step off from Kerr Middle School (517 S.W. Johnson Ave.) at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 9. The lighting of the City's Christmas tree will take place at 7:45 p.m., followed by the low aerial fireworks show. The tree lighting and fireworks show are at the corner of Johnson Avenue and Ellison Street in Old Town.

The parade route has been shortened to accommodate a Dec. 9 event at Kerr Middle School. The parade will leave the Dian Street side of the school, turn right on Johnson, and right on to Ellison. The Christmas parade will turn right on to Warren Street (next to Community Bank and city hall) and head back to the middle school parking lot. The parade will not go past Burleson City Hall.

Dian Street will be shut down at Irene Street at 4:30 p.m. Staging for the parade also begins at 4:30 p.m. Every street and driveway, between Dian Street and Renfro Street that intersects with Johnson Avenue will be barricaded by 6 p.m. The square block area around the fireworks display (the First Baptist Church parking lot at Ellison and Johnson) will be barricaded Friday morning.

The parade is open to floats, cars, horses, fire trucks, and more. Most floats will include Christmas music. Rotary Club Christmas parade applications are still available at the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, Service First Mortgage and Burleson City Hall.

Tomorrow, get up bright and early as Santa and his elves host the 12th annual Breakfast with Santa, 7 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Senior Activity Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Saint Nick's elves will be up before the sun rises to flip pancakes, cook sausage and make the orange juice and coffee. Santa will be in the center's Winter Wonderland until 11 a.m. to hear Christmas wishes. Bring your camera Dec. 3 to take those memorable pictures with Santa. Children can also visit Santa's workshop to make their own holiday crafts. Breakfast With Santa tickets are \$3 for children/\$4 for adults in advance at the BRiCk (550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd.) or \$5 for children/\$7 for adults at the door (Senior Activity Center). Call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 or 426-9106 or 817-295-8168.

The corner of Johnson and Ellison will be bustling by 6 p.m. on Dec. 9 as dancers and singers entertain the parade crowd on the City stage. The postponed festivities conclude at the corner of Johnson and Ellison at 7:45 p.m. with the lighting of the City's Christmas tree and a low aerial fireworks show. The tree is outfitted with more than 10,000 lights, which will be turned on by Santa and his two helpers (the two third grade winners of the Christmas Coloring Contest). Singers and dancers will entertain until Santa and his helpers can break away from the parade and make their way back to the City stage. After the tree lighting, Santa will head to his sleigh to listen to more Christmas wishes.

For information about the breakfast and tree lighting, call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 and ask for Charlene. For information about the parade, call Lisa Keese at 817-447-7300.