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**Mauldin Cultural Center to Celebrate the Holiday Season with A Merry Mauldin Christmas and More**

*Event will include annual tree lighting, holiday market and live performances*

MAULDIN, S.C. — The Mauldin Cultural Center will kick off the holiday season with a series of festive events for the whole family, beginning with A Merry Mauldin Christmas on Thursday, December 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center’s outdoor amphitheater. This event will feature the City of Mauldin’s annual tree lighting ceremony, a holiday market with more than 30 vendors, pictures with Santa and the Grinch, train rides, food trucks, and live performances from Kylie Odetta and more.

The Merry & Bright Holiday Light Trail will be returning with a new, interactive light display featuring an orb field with adjustable colors and a Winter Wonderland area featuring animated snowmen, blue ice sculpture trees and ice thorns.

Live performances by Kylie Odetta, the Mauldin Theatre Company and local community groups and schools will begin at 5 p.m., and the annual tree lighting will take place at approximately 7 p.m.

"This event captures the magic and charm of a classic Hallmark movie — right in our own backyard," said Caitlyn Pendleton, event manager at the Mauldin Cultural Center. "Guests can visit Santa to share their wish lists, shop from local artisans and bakers offering handcrafted gifts and treats, and stroll through a beautifully lit Christmas light trail. It’s an event the entire family won’t want to miss."

Entry to A Merry Mauldin Christmas is free, and leashed dogs are allowed.

Smoking/vaping, outside food and beverages, weapons, skateboards, scooters and bicycles are prohibited at the event. In case of inclement weather, event updates will be communicated via the Mauldin Cultural Center’s [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

A Merry Mauldin Christmas is sponsored by South Carolina Federal Credit Union, WOW! Fiber Internet, IPS Packaging, Ace Hardware and Cristina Ortiz – State Farm.

Other holiday events in the City of Mauldin include the following:

- **Mauldin Youth Theatre’s Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.** – On Dec. 6, the Mauldin Youth Theatre will put on two performances of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr. as part of the Musical Theatre education class. Students

have learned the fundamentals of acting, singing, and dancing – all while working to bring this holiday favorite to life. Showtimes are as follows:

- Saturday, Dec. 6 | 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
- **Mauldin Christmas Parade** – The Greater Mauldin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Mauldin invite guests to experience the magic of Mauldin’s Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Presented by 105.5/97.5 The ROAR FM, the parade will begin at the Golden Strip Career Center at 1120 E. Butler Rd, travel along Holland Road and end at BridgeWay Station. The annual parade will include floats and performances from local organizations and businesses. For more information, visit <https://www.mauldinchamber.org/events>.
- **Mauldin City Singers Present: Sounds of the Season** – On Dec. 13 and 14, the Mauldin City Singers Community Choir will ring in the holidays with their annual Christmas concert “Sounds of the Season.” Directed by Pam Mayfield, the show features festive choral music ranging from traditional to contemporary at the Mauldin Cultural Center auditorium. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased [here](#). Showtimes for “Sounds of the Season” are as follows:
  - Saturday, Dec. 13 | 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, Dec. 14 | 3 p.m.

For more information on holiday events, visit <https://mauldinculturalcenter.org/>.

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