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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 3 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.

The Merry & Bright Holiday Light Trail will return with several new features, including an animated ice-skating display and a festive photo opportunity. Guests can also enjoy additional photo displays throughout the trail, along with a Winter Wonderland area featuring animated snowmen, blue ice sculpture trees and ice thorns.

Live performances by Matthew Capelli, 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 7 p.m.

"A Merry Mauldin Christmas is all about bringing our community together and celebrating the magic and joy of the holiday season right here in the City's backyard," Event Manager Caitlyn Pendleton said. "We love creating a place where families and friends can gather, support local small businesses, soak in the Christmas spirit and make special memories that will last long after the season ends."

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, Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina, Camp Bow Wow and Joyce Factory Direct.

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

- **Mauldin Youth Theatre's "Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells"** – On Dec. 4 and 5, the Mauldin Youth Theatre will put on a performance of "Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells" as part of the Studio A education class. Students have learned the fundamentals of acting, singing, and dancing – all while working to bring this fun holiday show to life. Showtimes are as follows:
    - Friday, Dec. 4 | 7 p.m.
    - Saturday, Dec. 5 | 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for general admission and can be purchased here.

- **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. 5 at 2 p.m. Sponsored by Duke's Mayonnaise, the parade will begin at the Golden Strip Career Center at 1120 E. Butler Rd, traveling along Holland Road and ending 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. 12 and 13, 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. Showtimes for "Sounds of the Season" are as follows:
    - Saturday, Dec. 12 | 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
    - Sunday, Dec. 13 | 3 p.m.

Tickets are $15 for general admission and can be purchased here.

For more information, visit https://mauldinculturalcenter.org.

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