



# CHERISHING THE PAST; EMBRACING THE FUTURE CITY OF RIVER OAKS, TEXAS

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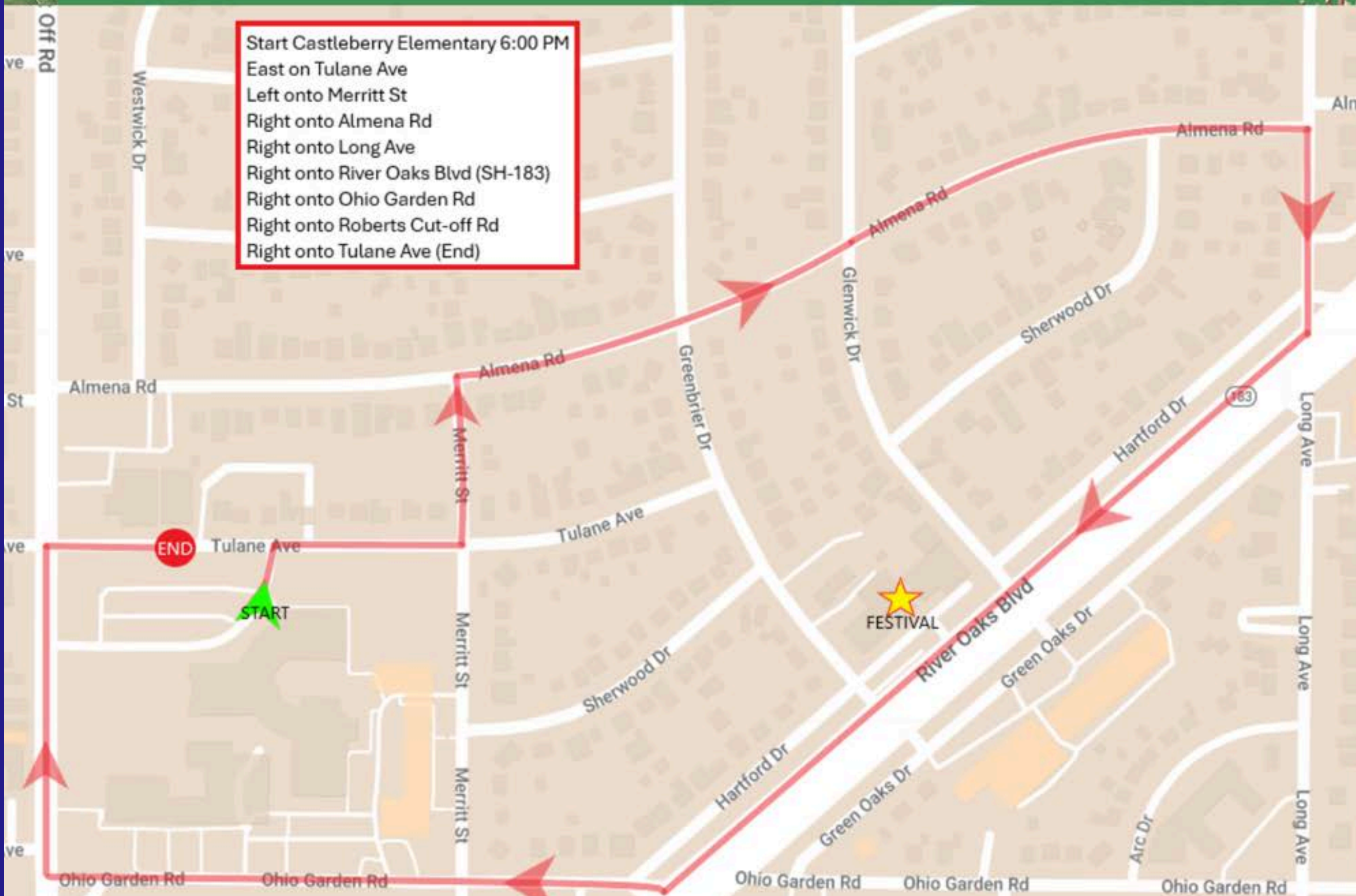
## 3rd Annual River Oaks Hometown Christmas Saturday, December 7th 2024

Please Join Us For Hot Chocolate,  
Food Trucks, Music &  
Pictures With Mr. & Mrs. Claus!

The Parade Will Start @ 6:00 PM With  
The Tree Lighting To Follow At City Hall.  
(Weather Permitting)



Start Castleberry Elementary 6:00 PM  
East on Tulane Ave  
Left onto Merritt St  
Right onto Almena Rd  
Right onto Long Ave  
Right onto River Oaks Blvd (SH-183)  
Right onto Ohio Garden Rd  
Right onto Roberts Cut-off Rd  
Right onto Tulane Ave (End)



Mayor  
Darren Houk

City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem  
Place 3  
Leigh Ann Turner

Place 1  
John Claridge

Place 2  
Steve Holland

Place 4  
Yolie Rodriguez

Place 5  
Brent Forester

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City Manager  
Marvin Gregory

City Secretary  
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Fire Chief  
Clinton "Russell" Shelley

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Charles Stewart

Public Works  
Superintendent  
Todd Henderson

Event Center  
Co-Directors  
Shirley Bloomfield  
Shirley Wheat

Emergency Management  
Coordinator  
James Myrick

Website:  
[www.riveroakstx.com](http://www.riveroakstx.com)

Phone # 817-626-5421

Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Friday  
7:30 am - 11:30 am

PLEASE REPORT AFTER HOUR UTILITY EMERGENCIES BY CONTACTING  
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH AT 817-626-1991.



# **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

**OFF DUTY EMPLOYEES FROM THE RIVER OAKS FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME TO ESCORT SANTA CLAUS AROUND RIVER OAKS IN HIS SLEIGH!**

**DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:30 PM - DRIVE AROUND DISTRICT #1  
7:45- 8:30 PM SANTA WILL BE AT THE CITY PARK TO MEET WITH KIDS FROM THE AREA.**

**DECEMBER 12TH AT 6:30 PM - DRIVE AROUND DISTRICT #2  
7:45-8:30PM SANTA WILL BE AT MARSH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO MEET KIDS FROM THAT AREA.**

**DECEMBER 17TH AT 6:30 PM - DRIVE AROUND DISTRICT #3  
7:45-8:30PM SANTA WILL BE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO MEET KIDS FROM THAT AREA.**

**DECEMBER 19TH AT 6:30 PM - DRIVE AROUND DISTRICT #4  
7:45-8:30PM SANTA WILL BE AT CASTLEBERRY ELEMENTARY TO MEET THE KIDS FROM THAT AREA.**

**\* WE ASK THAT THE KIDS STAY IN THEIR YARDS AND DO NOT COME INTO THE STREET WHEN SANTA DRIVES BY. PLEASE BRING THEM TO SANTA'S STOPPING POINT FOR THE GIVEN NIGHT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SANTA IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS.**

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*River Oaks, Texas*



## Fort Worth Wellness And Rehab Angel Tree

If You Would Like To Bring A Little Bit Of Holiday Cheer To Some Of The Residents Of The Fort Worth Wellness And Rehab Center, Please Stop By City Hall To Choose An Angel That You Can Shop For During The Holidays.

Some Of The Items In Need Are Blankets, Socks, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, And Pajamas.

Please Place The Items In A Gift Bag And Place Their Angel Tag On The Gift As Well And Bring The Items To City Hall No Later Than December 17, 2024 For Pick Up To Have The Gifts Delivered To The Residents During Their Holiday Party.

If You Have Any Questions, Please Call 817-626-5421.

Happy Holidays!



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**Community Action Partners** may offer the most assistance for residents of Tarrant County. They offer free government grant money for hardships, job placement, gas cards for work and other support. The goal is to offer short-term, immediate financial help.

- Rent/mortgage assistance for qualified people to help them stay in their home or apartment. The non-profit will provide help with paying rent or a mortgage for Tarrant County residents.
- Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (known as CEAP) provides grants and financial assistance with utility bills: electric, gas, and heating bill fuel assistance. In addition, the CEAP program will also repair or replace an existing heater, propane tank, air conditioner, or central air unit.
- Get access to Atmos Energy "Share the Warmth", which aids Atmos Energy customers whose income is at or below 200% of Federal Income Guidelines or with extenuating circumstances. Assistance from Atmos is limited to once per year.

**Tarrant County Department Of Human Services** – Services provided by this government agency includes: assistance with paying mortgage, emergency rent and utilities. Another financial assistance program called SUAP Special Utility Assistance Program has limited cash grants that can be used to provide electric and gas service assistance to eligible households up to three times a year from January through August. Cash aid and TANF are also available.

- Tarrant County Human Services - 817-531-5620
- Community Enrichment Center - 817-281-1164
- Cornerstone Assistance Network - 817-632-6000
- Safe Haven of Tarrant County is only for women facing/fleeing violence.
- Call (817) 535-6462 or 817-535-6040 x223

**2-1-1 North Texas** is a free statewide 24-hour referral service.

By simply dialing 2-1-1, callers can receive information about community and social services, such as food pantries, emergency shelter, rent assistance, utility bill assistance, and senior services to name a few. 2-1-1 North Texas, a collaboration of the North Texas Area United Way and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is committed to helping Texas citizens connect with the services they need. Our goal is to present accurate, well-organized, and easy-to-find information from over 60,000 state and local health and human services programs.

## Friends of the River Oaks Animal Shelter



**The animal shelter is always in need of blankets, sheets, bleach, Odoban, Dawn dish soap, dry and wet dog food. Any help is greatly appreciated.**

**Donations can be dropped off at the River Oaks Police Dispatch.**

**4900 River Oaks Blvd. River Oaks, TX, 76114**

## River Oaks Food Bank

**Our Food Banks are held the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.**

**You are encouraged to begin lining up by 8:30 AM to get a good place in line.**

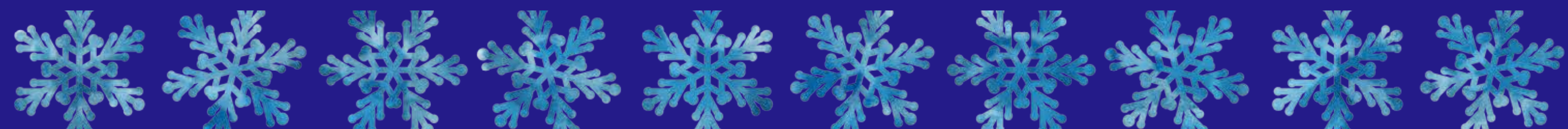
**Most of the time, the food supply truck arrives early, meaning food is given out sooner.**

**Stay in your vehicle; this is a drive-through food bank.**

**River Oaks Event Center  
5300 Blackstone Drive  
River Oaks, TX, 76114**



**(817) 732-5885**



# YARD SALES

You may have 2 yard sales in a row, skip a week, then have 2 more for a total of 4 yard sales per year.

Yard sale permits are \$10 each. This allows you 1 permit sign and 2 directional signs.

You must have an active water account, in good standing, at the yard sale address. You must also provide a valid United States-issued photo ID with the yard sale address on the ID and the Yard Sale Permit must be purchased 24 hours before the sale. To have your Yard Sale placed in the weekly

Newsletter, you must have purchased your Yard Sale Permit prior to the close of the previous business day as the Newsletter is posted on Friday mornings.

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Accepted  
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7:30 AM to 5:30 PM  
Friday  
7:30 AM to 11:30 AM**



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## December

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	River Oaks Hometown Christmas Parade/Festival 6:00 PM City Hall 4900 River Oaks Weather Permitting		EDC 6:00 PM	Staff Meeting 9:00 AM	City Hall Closed From 11 AM to 1 PM	Court 5:30 PM