

Friday, Nov. 24

Twinkling lights and the sound of jingle bells will be the festive sensory backdrop in downtown Knoxville when Christmas in the City begins Friday, Nov. 24, with the kick-off of Royal Celebration of Lights and the opening of the holidays on ice skating rink.

In preparation for the season, the City's Public Service Department workers have wrapped and draped downtown trees and lampposts with more than 100,000 holiday lights. Mayor Madeline Rogero will electrify those lights along with the 40-foot animated Christmas tree located in the Hays Park extension during a ceremony that begins at 6 p.m.

"Downtown truly feels like a Christmas village," said Judith Foltz, the City's Special Events Director, offering up compelling evidence like the train rides, hot cocoa by the Salvation Army, photos with Santa Claus, marshmallows roasting, face painting, balloon animals, and a marketplace



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The six scholarship recipients are joined by their presenters Thursday at the Knox County Retired Teachers Association Awards Ceremony and Luncheon at the Foundry at the World's Fair Park.

KCRTA awards scholarships at annual luncheon