

the red light in downtown Knoxville. Line up begins at 9 a.m. in the Ingle's parking lot.

Come see Santa at the 2017 Luttrell Christmas Parade which will begin at Tazewell Plaza and Park Road at noon on Saturday, December 2. For information about participating, please call 865-992-0870 or 865-993-4752.

The Halls Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 2, 2017 beginning at 2 p.m. Lineup starts at 12:30 p.m. at Halls High School. For questions contact Travis Woody at the Halls Food City or at 688tnight@foodcity.com.

The Powell Annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 5 p.m. The parade route begins at Powell Plaza and travels to Powell High School. Participants must be present and registered by 4:15. If you want your float judged for "Best in Show", you must register float to participate. Registration cost is \$5 per float. The winning float receives half the pot. For more info-



Mayor Madeline Rogers, Vice Mayor Duane Grieco, City Council At-Large member Marshall Stair and City staff members assist in cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Forest Heights Pocket Park.

Knoxville 1st Tennessee city certified as wildlife habitat

There was more than the opening of a new park to be celebrated last Monday, as City officials cut the ribbon on the recently acquired and renovated Forest Heights Pocket Park, located at 411 Highland Hills Road.

Last last week, the 0.6-acre park had been split into 32 parcels owned by the Forest Heights neighborhood residents. The park, adjacent to the City's Bearden Village

maintain it on a regular basis.

The park features a paved walking loop, picnic tables and play equipment, including new swings and a natural playground installed by City crews.

During the ceremony, Mayor Madeline Rogers announced that Knoxville has just been named the first city in Tennessee to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

East Tennessee's trademark," said Mayor Rogers. "Whether it be the 1,000-acre Urban Wilderness or a smaller-than-an-acre pocket park like Forest Heights, it's a win for our kids and our grandkids."

To achieve the city-level certification, a city is required to first certify 312 sites at homes, schools or common areas that provide the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to

Delayed for
6 months

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You might call it a historic decision. The Knoxville City Council voted Tuesday evening to postpone any decision on expanding the Mid-Historic Zone for six months. Councilman Daniel Brown made the successful motion.

For almost a year the idea of adding more than 400 homes, many of them not designated as historic, to the existing district, pined neighbor against neighbor. Opponents charged that the proposed designation would eventually force poorer neighbors out and increase the property values and impose restrictions and expenses on making home repairs.

Supporters said the expansion would protect all the homes in the East Knoxville neighborhood and preserve his-