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Come see Santa at the 2017 Luttrell Christmas Parade which will begin at Tazewell Pike and Park Road at noon on Saturday, December 2. For information about participating, please call 865-992-0870 or 865-363-4752.

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 688smgr@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 to participate. Registration cost is \$5 onsite.



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*Mayor Madeline Rogero, Vice Mayor Duane Grieve, 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.

Until last week, the 0.8-acre park had been split into 32 parcels owned by the Forest Heights neigh-

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 Rogero announced that Knoxville has just been named the first city in Tennessee to be certified

East Tennessee's trademark," said Mayor Rogero. "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

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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 H-1 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, pitted 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