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**THE OFFICIAL PARDONING OF THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY
AND KICKOFF TO SANTA'S NORTH POLE EXPRESS®**

WHAT: Mayor William D. Tate will pardon Tom T. Turkey from the Thanksgiving dinner table in Grapevine, Texas! This ceremony marks the end of Fall and the start of Christmas in the Christmas Capital of Texas®.

WHEN: **Monday, November 24**

9:40 a.m. Media Arrival and Set Up

10:00 a.m. Pardoning Ceremony of Tom T. Turkey begins

10:30 a.m. Interview opportunities and preview of Santa's North Pole Express

11:00 a.m. First Santa's North Pole Express excursion of the season departs

WHERE: **Historic Cotton Belt Depot District**

705 S. Main St.

Grapevine, TX 76051

Christmas Capital of Texas representatives will be available for interviews. Spanish language interviews will be available.

Parking can be found at the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau at 636 S. Main Street. Historic Main Street will be close to traffic for the evening's Carol of Lights event so please enter from the west via Ira E. Woods to E. Hudgins.

The **37th Annual Carol of Lights**, the official kickoff of the Christmas Capital of Texas, presented by Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, also takes place on November 24th from 4 - 8 p.m.

For more information about the Christmas Capital of Texas, visit ChristmasCapitalofTexas.com.

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