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THE OFFICIAL PARDONING OF TOM T. 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! At the ceremony, Grapevine will say goodbye to Fall and mark the beginning of the 2026 Christmas Capital of Texas® season.

WHEN: **Monday, November 23**

9:40 a.m.	Media Arrival and Set Up
10 a.m.	Pardoning Ceremony of Tom T. Turkey begins
10:30 a.m.	Interview opportunities and preview of Santa's North Pole Express
11 a.m.	First Santa's North Pole Express excursion of the season departs

WHERE: **Historic Cotton Belt Depot District**
705 S. Main St.
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Parking can be found at the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau at 636 S. Main Street. Historic Main Street will be closed to traffic for the evening's Carol of Lights event so please enter from the west via Ira E. Woods to E. Hudgins. Christmas Capital of Texas representatives will be available for interviews. Spanish language interviews will be available.

The **38th Annual Carol of Lights,** the official kickoff of the Christmas Capital of Texas, presented by Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, also takes place on Monday, November 23 from 4 - 8 p.m.

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

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