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THE CHRISTMAS CAPITAL OF TEXAS® KICKS OFF 2026 SEASON WITH 38TH ANNUAL CAROL OF LIGHTS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The 6th Annual Merry & Bright Drone Show will be Monday, December 7

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS (November 20, 2026) – The Christmas festivities officially begin in Grapevine with the **38th Annual Carol of Lights presented by Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram** on Monday, November 23. The official kickoff to the **Christmas Capital of Texas®** season is a free, family-friendly festival in the heart of Grapevine. Historic Main Street will be closed to traffic, as attendees take in all the fun activities, photo ops, live music and Santa Claus himself. The Carol of Lights is a come-and-go event, allowing guests to stroll Main Street at their leisure.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

DATE: Monday, November 23
TIME: 4 – 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Historic Main Street in Grapevine

- Non-stop live music + performances on three stages
- 6:30 p.m. Official Kickoff Ceremony at each of the three stages
- Frozen Fun: Race down snowy hills, enjoy winter-themed slides and attractions
- Live reindeer - meet Santa's four-legged friends
- Seasonal crafts to spark your creativity
- Christmas bounce houses for endless energetic fun
- Food & Shopping vendors
- Charming Main Street boutiques, cafés, winery tasting rooms, galleries and more

Enjoy delicious cuisine and fine Texas wines from locally owned restaurants and winery tasting rooms and check off that Christmas gift list while perusing Grapevine's charming boutiques and unique shops. Visit Grapevine Main Station and ice skate at **Peace Plaza Ice Rink** presented by Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Grapevine, check out the views from the **Grapevine Observation Tower** and enjoy food at Harvest Hall's eight international kitchens.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS ON HISTORIC MAIN STREET

6th Annual Merry & Bright Drone Show – Gather on Historic Main Street to see a fleet of 600 drones create Christmas magic in the sky from the North End! Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. Along Historic Main Street, drones launch from the Northwest Highway side.

47th Annual Parade of Lights – The Parade of Lights features more than 100 lighted floats and marching bands on Historic Main Street. This year's theme is Christmas Miracle on Main Street! Thursday, December 3 at 7 p.m. along Historic Main Street.

Santa's North Pole Express Co-Presented by AE Texas and Great Wolf Lodge - This cherished tradition on Grapevine Vintage Railroad includes Christmas singalongs, special moments with Santa and his elves on board and visits with Mrs. Claus during boarding. Friday, November 27 – Wednesday, December 30. (Closed Dec. 3, 24 and 25). 705 S. Main Street

PARKING AND STREET CLOSURE INFORMATION

There is free parking throughout Grapevine's Historic District. Visitors are encouraged to carpool or leave the car at home and use Trinity Metro TEXRail or DART Silver Line (which connects with TEXRail at DFW Airport/Grapevine North).

Historic Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Main Street and Northwest Highway to Main Street and Dallas Road during the following dates and times:

- Sunday, November 22 at 1 p.m. through Monday, November 30 at 6 a.m.
- Thursday, December 3 at 6 p.m. through Tuesday, December 8 at 6 a.m.
- Friday, December 11 at 6 a.m. through Monday, December 14 at 6 a.m.
- Friday, December 18 at 6 a.m. through Monday, December 28 at 6 a.m.

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

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