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Santa Claus waves to the crowd from his sleigh during last year's Seneca Christmas parade. The city will once again kick off the area's parade season with its annual event set for Monday.

# Parade season starts next week

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**SENECA** — The holiday season will get underway in full force next week with the first slate of Christmas parades in the local area.

## NOV 30: SENECA

Seneca opened its fourth-annual Christmas light show on Nov. 19, and a large crowd is expected for the city's

tree lighting and Christmas parade on Monday.

Activities will begin on Main Street at 5 p.m. with the annual Christmas tree lighting near Norton Thompson Park. All of the lights — except for the main Christmas tree — have already been lit each evening. The tree, which is 6 feet taller this year, will be

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lit for the first time this season on Monday. City officials will also unveil a "surprise" addition to the light show that city administrator Scott Moulder has been hinting about for the past couple of weeks.

The parade starts at 6 p.m. and will go through the downtown area.

## VETERANS HONORED

Because a planned Veterans Day parade was rained out on Nov. 11, the city has invited military veterans to walk in the Seneca parade. Oconee County Veterans Affairs director Jerry Dyar said veterans are asked to meet on South 4th Street in Seneca at 5 p.m. Monday.

"This should be an exciting time for our veterans," Dyar said. "We hope to put an American flag in the hands of as many veterans as possible."

## DEC. 3: WESTMINSTER

The Westminster Christmas parade is set for Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. and will follow the normal parade route from Dollar Tree down Main Street to Palmetto Home Place.

The Rev. Audrey Reese, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will be serving as grand marshal for this year's parade.

## DEC. 3: CENTRAL

The town of Central is set to hold its annual Christmas parade at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Preregistration is available by emailing central-fire1989@gmail.com or calling (864) 639-5608. A registration table will

also be set up at Cannon Memorial Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m. the day of the parade.

The parade will begin on Pepper Street and end at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

## DEC. 4: WALHALLA

Ashton Hester, a local historian and retired editor of the Keowee Courier and Westminister News, will be the grand marshal for the Walhalla Christmas parade, set for Saturday, Dec., 4 at 5 p.m. Participants must register by Wednesday, Dec. 1, by getting a form from City Hall or from the city or Main Street Walhalla websites. A tree-lighting ceremony with carolers and hot cocoa will be held after the parade at the corner of Catherine and Main streets.

## DEC. 7: CLEMSON

The annual Clemson Christmas parade is scheduled to be held Dec. 7, with parade festivities kicking off at 5 p.m. and the parade starting at 6 p.m. The parade route will stretch from Strode Circle to College Avenue.

## DEC. 11: SIX MILE

The 50th annual Six Mile Christmas parade is planned for Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m.

Spectators are encouraged to line up on each side of Main Street from GBS Lumber to the post office.

*Editor's note: The Journal was unable to get information about the Salem and Fair Play parades by press time Friday. We will print that information when we receive it.*

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