



MARS HILL LETTER

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MARS HILL CHRISTMAS PARADE DEC. 1st "LET YOUR LIGHTS SHINE AT CHRISTMAS"

The Mars Hill Christmas Parade will make its way through town welcoming the Christmas season on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Town of Mars Hill is excited to sponsor the only night parade in Madison County. The theme is "**LET YOUR LIGHTS SHINE AT CHRISTMAS.**" Parade applications are available on the Town website – TOWNOFMARSHILL.ORG and by pickup at Town Hall. The entry deadline is Monday, November 27th, so if you haven't turned yours in yet, do it today!



Last year, participation in the parade was an all-time high, and the streets were full of people excited with Christmas cheer. **A special thank you to Ingles of Mars Hill & store manager Falicia Griffin for donating candy to distribute to parade attendees.**

Town Christmas Lighting & Decoration Contest

It's back! The community lighting & decorating contest returns with two categories – Residential and Business – with awards for Classic Christmas, Most Unique/Festive, and Best Window. This year an entry registration is **REQUIRED**. Complete the online registration form at TOWNOFMARSHILL.ORG. All **exterior** decorations must be up by December 15th with committee evaluation the next week. **All properties must be inside the town limits to qualify for the contest.** Winners will be announced on town social media and in the next **Letter**.

Stay in town after the parade and enjoy food from downtown restaurants & food trucks, a craft village, and entertainment as part of the last First Fridays event of 2023.

We are looking forward to another great parade this year. Call Town Hall with parade questions.




SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN REPERTORY THEATRE
presents
Christmas Time's A Comin': An Appalachian Christmas Revue
EVENINGS: Thurs Dec 7th & Fri Dec 8th - 7:30 PM • MATINÉE: Sat Dec 9th - 2:00 PM
OWEN THEATRE - 44 COLLEGE ST., MARS HILL, NC 28754
TICKETS ARE PAY-WHAT-YOU-WISH!
Visit SARTPLAYS.COM to get your's today!

2022 Residential Winner



SANTA COMES TO TOWN!

Santa is coming to the Gazebo on **Saturday, November 25th** from 11AM until 2 PM. There will be toys, cookies, candy, music and fun for all ages. Bring your camera & holiday spirit. A very special thank you to Deb at Papa Nicks for organizing this great event for the Town each year!



REGISTER FOR CODERED ALERTS!

CODERED ALERTS is a citizen notification system to receive alerts and updates during emergency and special events affecting the Town of Mars Hill. The Town will use **CODERED** to relay information such as emergency conditions, road detours, water line breaks, weather-related directives, closures, or other service-related and event information through phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

Participation in this alert notification system is voluntary and registration must be initiated by the citizen or business owner. Registration can be completed online at the website: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/marshallalerts> OR from your smartphone by texting **ALERTMARSHILL** to 24639. If you do not have internet access, please visit Town Hall at 280 North Main Street, or call (828) 689-2301 for assistance by town staff to complete the registration.

All citizens and businesses are encouraged to register for this FREE service.

DATES OF INTEREST

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving Holidays

Town Offices Closed

*No Recycling/Trash Pick-up on 11/23 or 24
Regular Schedule Resumes Next Week*

December 25, 26, & 27

Christmas Holidays

Town Offices Closed

*No Trash Pick-up on Monday, 12/25
Trash Pickup on Wednesday, 12/27
Recycling Pick-up Thursday, 12/28*

January 1

New Year's Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, 1/2

January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday 1/16



The final **First Fridays** event of 2023 will be Dec. 1st, 5 – 8 PM.

Food, music, arts, crafts, & holiday fun. Come out and celebrate the holiday season with us! Thanks for a great year of fun while supporting of local businesses.

Happy Holidays

*From the
Employees and Staff
of the
Town of Mars Hill*

Mayor John Chandler

Board of Aldermen

Larry Davis • Nicholas Honeycutt
Stuart Jolley • Bob Zink

Nathan R. Bennett, Town Manager



**MHU MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS:**

Annual Holiday Concert
Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
Moore Auditorium

**Town Hall is a Toys for Tots
Collection Site Through
November 30th**