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NEWS RELEASE

Subject: Safety Rules and Parking for the Heritage Holiday Events
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Heritage Holiday will begin the Christmas season with a Tree Lightning ceremony on Thursday, December 3 at McKinney Park, 625 West Pool Road. Entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Odessa Police Department would like to advise the public that parking is limited and to encourage citizens to car pool. The over flow parking will be located on the south side of Interstate 20 at Comanche Trail Park. Pedestrians are to follow the trail that leads from Comanche Trail Park, under the interstate to McKinney Park.

Because of increase pedestrian traffic and the lack of daylight, motorist should drive cautiously and be aware of pedestrians, especially children.

The annual Christmas Parade of Lights is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5. Lighted floats will travel south on Andrews Highway/Grant from 23rd Street just south of Odessa College to Noel Heritage Plaza on 4th Street. De-staging will be in the parking lot of Medical Center Oncology at 4th and Sam Houston. Street closing for the parade route will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Odessa Police Department is asking that business owners along the parade route to remove any vehicles parked on the street by 4:30 p.m. to avoid being towed away.

Participants in the parade are reminded to adhere to the City Ordinance 18-49, parade, specifically no vehicles bouncing, weaving, accelerating or spinning shall cause its tires to leave the roadway. No throwing or handing out candy, other foods articles, toys, souvenirs, or similar items to persons situated along the parade route. A copy of the City Ordinance is available on the website at www.odessapd.com

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