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NEWS RELEASE

County Set for Tree Lighting at Glasgow and Santa Visit to Carousel Park

County Executive Thomas P. Gordon cordially invites everyone to attend the Tree Lighting at Glasgow Park Friday evening and the Meet Santa and His Pony event at Carousel Park to be held Saturday afternoon.

The second annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Glasgow Park is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. There will be free visits with Santa (bring your camera), hayrides, bonfires, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5 p.m.

"Last year's Tree Lighting at Glasgow had a good crowd that saw local groups and schools providing beautiful music," County Executive Gordon said. "Santa Claus will be on hand for free photographs, Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman will be on the grounds entertaining children, and we'll be able to hear great music by Frank & Michele, and EverSpring Church."

Councilman David Tackett, whose district includes Glasgow, successfully approached the County Executive about holding the inaugural Tree Lighting last year.

"Anything we do at Glasgow just gets an overwhelming response. People come out," Councilman Tackett told NCCTV. "This will probably be the most heavily attended event."

As for Meet Santa and His Pony at Carousel, that is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. This event was postponed from last weekend due to rain. A smaller event was held indoors last Saturday just for Santa photos, but this Saturday's event will include not just Santa and His Pony but hayrides, crafts, and visits to Santa's Workshop and the Kids Corral.

Councilman Tim Sheldon, whose district includes Carousel, expects to attend this event. Similar to Glasgow, this is the second straight year the County holds Meet Santa and His Pony.

"Christmas is always about the kids," Councilman Sheldon told NCCTV. "To watch them tugging on their mother or father brings back memory of me with my two daughters. It's beautiful to watch."

For more details and a schedule of events, please visit <http://www.nccde.org/203/Comprehensive-Annual-Financial-Reports>.