



The Junior League of Tyler, Inc.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Mistletoe & Magic is a GO!

The Junior League of Tyler has received confirmation from NET Health, the Center for Disease Control and the City of Tyler that Harvey Hall is clean, clear, and safe - and the Magic of Mistletoe will go on!

We consider the safety of our community and merchants a top priority and are incredibly thankful for all of the measures the city went to, in order to safely re-open the doors of Harvey Hall. For additional information from the City of Tyler, the CDC and NET Health, please see attached press release.

As the League celebrates it's 41st year of Mistletoe & Magic, we look forward to "Celebrating the Meaning of Mistletoe" and making this our biggest and most exciting year yet! With nearly 100 Merchants from around the country, live musical entertainment, Santa and so much more, we can't wait to show all that we have in store for you.

-Open to the Public-

Wednesday, Dec 4th (Sneak-a-Peek special event \$25): 5pm-9pm

Thursday, Dec 5th: Noon-5pm

Friday, Dec 6th: Noon-5pm

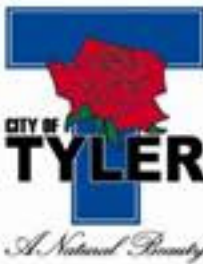
Saturday, Dec 7th: 9am-5pm

*Tickets are \$10 per person and children 6 and under are free

Mistletoe & Magic is the Junior League's largest fundraiser and proceeds go back into the community of Smith County.

The Junior League of Tyler is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing women's potential and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purposes are solely educational and charitable.

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

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City of Tyler to move forward with remedial action plan

The City of Tyler has been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that, though testing for Legionella is positive at Harvey Hall, the bacteria strain found in samples from Harvey Hall **was not** consistent with the strain that caused the Legionnaires' disease cases present in our community.

Due to the presence of Legionella bacteria detected within the Harvey Hall plumbing system, the City of Tyler will continue to move forward with its short-term remediation plan, followed by a long-term ongoing management plan.

"The City is taking an aggressive and proactive approach to mitigating the risk associated with Legionella," said George Roberts, Northeast Texas Public Health District's chief executive officer. "We discussed these measures with the CDC and both agencies support the City's plan of action."

The City has hired East Texas Water Quality to perform the remediation process (see attached). The City has contracted with ERI Consulting, Inc. for added inspection and oversight of the process. This process will begin Friday, Nov. 22. Additionally, flushing will occur Saturday, Nov. 23 with testing to follow on Sunday, Nov. 24.

According to the CDC, Legionella is a common bacteria occurring naturally in freshwater and manmade environments. People can contract Legionnaires' disease when they either breathe in mist or accidentally swallow water into the lungs containing the Legionella bacteria. Those at

increased risk are adults 50 years or older, current or former smokers, and people with a weakened immune system from chronic illness. Common sources of infection include decorative fountains and hot tubs.

As part of their short-term remediation plan, the City will disconnect the hot water system in Harvey Hall as a further precaution. The City will continue to perform testing once remediation is completed to ensure safe levels within the system. Moving forward, no devices that aerosolize/vaporize water will be allowed within the facility.

“The City will continue to follow the plan laid out by our consultants for the Harvey Hall plumbing system,” said City Manager Edward Broussard. “This will ensure we are adhering to best practices that keep the risk of bacteria growth low.”

With the approval of NET Health and CDC, Harvey Hall Convention Center will re-open its doors to staff and the public on **Monday, Nov. 25.**

“These measures mitigate the health risk to the public,” said Roberts. “With these measures in place, we support the reopening of Harvey Hall.”

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