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2021 Daddy Daughter Dance

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – December 29, 2020 – The City of Athens Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the 2021 Daddy Daughter Dance will not be held in person due to the COVID pandemic. This decision was made based upon the latest information and guidelines from the state of Tennessee and from the CDC.

During the dance week of February 7th through 13th the department is encouraging daddies and daughters to spend quality time together and to post on Facebook photographs taken at and about previous dances. All photographs posted with #AthensTNDDD will be entered into a contest for prizes including free 2022 dance tickets and other great items. During dance week the department will be posting on the city of Athens official Facebook site details about the photography contest and date ideas for dads and daughters.

“As the Director of Parks and Recreation, but more so as the father of two daughters, this was one of the most difficult announcements I have been part of making,” said Austin Fesmire. “Athens has a 35-year tradition of bringing daddies and daughters together in what has become one of the largest dances of its type in the country. In so much as we would like to hold the dance, anyone who has ever been knows it would be virtually impossible to maintain social distancing,” said Fesmire. “I have always felt that the magic of the dance has always been the time daddies and daughters have spent together. I challenged my staff to come up with an idea to replicate that time and they delivered! Dance week will be a lot of fun as we post pictures and create new dad and daughter memories. And who knows we may even throw in a special surprise or two during dance week!”

For more information about the Daddy Daughter Dance photo contest, contact Athens Parks and Recreation at 423-744-2700 EXT 3 or email recreation@athenstn.gov

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