

## "Gardens Aglow 2021"

The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens will host its ninth annual "Gardens Aglow" event each Friday & Saturday evening between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, starting Friday, November 26 and ending on Friday, December 24th. Gardens Aglow is sponsored by Dothan Volkswagen.

"Like last year, admission to Gardens Aglow this year will be by pre-paid timed admission tickets only" stated William Holman, Executive Director. Tickets may be purchased on the DABG website for a particular arrival time and date. Arrival times are 5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm, and 7:00pm . You must enter the Garden during your scheduled entry time. Regardless of scheduled arrival time, visitors can stay until event closes at 8:00pm. Tickets for each arrival time are limited to assist in distributing the crowd to help prevent congestion. Tickets can also be purchased online (www.dabg.com) or in person at the Gardens beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>. Garden Members can purchase tickets beginning November 12.

Event dates are Nov 26 & 27, December 3 & 4, Dec 10 & 11, December 17 & 18 and Dec 24th. There will be no event dates after Christmas.

Visitors will be able to walk a half-mile portion of the Gardens' paved trails to see and enjoy thousands of Christmas lights and lots of lighted holiday displays. Each year, additional lights and displays are added to this popular holiday event.

Although Santa will not be able to join us this year, there are a number of Christmas surprises to watch for in the trees, so kids are encouraged to bring flashlights. A food truck will be available to provide food and refreshments for a small fee.

Wheelchairs, strollers, pulled wagons and leashed dogs are welcome each night. For safety reasons, bicycles, skateboards, and roller skates are not permitted.

"Unlike daily entry into the Gardens through the Botanical Center, the building will be closed during Gardens Aglow and entry will be on the sidewalk located on the left side of the building", Holman stated. Since it will be strictly an outdoor event, masks are not required but are recommended for those who feel safer with a mask.

Cost is \$8 per person and is free for children age 8 and under. The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens is located at 5130 Headland Ave. in Dothan. For more information, please contact the Garden office at 334-793-3224 or visit www.dabg.com