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## Havendale Christmas Parade returns after a year off



Leaders in the cities of Winter Haven, Auburndale and Lake Alfred organize the parade each year.

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Leaders in the cities of Winter Haven, Auburndale and Lake Alfred came together to organize another great annual Havendale Christmas Parade on Dec. 4.

The annual parade was one of many that was canceled during the COVID-19 pandemic, but spectators turned out to participate and watch this year. The parade lasted about an hour. **For more photos, see PAGE 2.**



A group of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida show off their Christmas spirit during the 2021 Havendale Christmas Parade on Dec. 4.

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## Bobby Green comes out of retirement

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Longtime Auburndale City Manager and former Auburndale Mayor Bobby Green recently came out of retirement to take on the job of Ridge League of Cities executive director.

Green will be taking over in January following the retirement of longtime Ridge League of Cities Executive Director Ruthanne Stonewall.

The cities of Winter Haven and

Auburndale both passed resolutions in honor of Stonewall's 18 years of service to the community.

"She has always been supportive of the city," Winter Haven City Commission member JP Powell said.

Haines City Mayor Morris West said the retirement party is in Auburndale on Dec. 19.


Bobby Green retired from his position as city manager on April 1, 2021, after 30 years of service to the city of Auburndale.

According to his biography on the Polk



Former Auburndale City Manager Bobby Green was awarded the Richard (Dick) Simmons Lifetime Achievement Award by the Florida City and County Management Association in June.

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