

Giant Pickle Ready for Mt. Olive New Year's Celebration

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MOUNT OLIVE — Mt. Olive Pickle Company is making final preparations for the 9th annual New Year's Eve Pickle Drop.

New this year is a canned food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. Folks bringing at least two items receive a chance to win door prizes.

"We are excited about partnering with the Food Bank for the Pickle Drop," said spokesperson Lynn Williams, Mt. Olive Pickle Company. "We encourage folks to bring canned food items when they join us Monday. We can celebrate the New Year and share with others at the same time."

Mt. Olive's glowing, 3-foot pickle makes its 45-foot plunge down the company's flagpole and into a redwood pickle tank at the stroke of 7 p.m. For those wondering, 7 o'clock Eastern Standard Time is actually midnight Greenwich Mean Time.

"We are official, we can shout 'Happy New Year', sing Auld Lang Syne, and still be home in bed long before midnight," Williams said.