

Christmas Parade Guidelines for 2021 Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5th

Required Training Location: F&M Bank @ 221 Indian Lake Blvd Parade

Date of Training: WEDNESDAY DEC. 1st at 10 AM or 7 PM

Guidelines to Participants:

- Entries must be submitted by 11/22/2021. A \$25 late fee will be added for any entries received between 11/28/21 - 12/1/2021. No entries will be accepted after 12/1/2021.
- All entries **MUST** have a representative at one of the parade orientation meetings on Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm at F&M Bank. We will give out entry numbers and instructions for the day of the parade. Participants **must** be present at the meeting to pick up your number or you will forfeit your registration!
- All entries **MUST** be in place by their designated staging timeslots.
- Judging will be during the parade. Units will be judged as they pass the judges stand **and awards will be announced on Monday, December 6th or Dec. 13th**. Award Plaques will be given for best float, best performance, and best overall entry at the BOMA meeting at City Hall.
- All animal entries must dispose of waste immediately. The entrant must provide diapers or pal & shovel.
- Animals in the parade must always be secured at all times and are the sole responsibility of the entrant.
- **Parade will start promptly at 1 PM pm RAIN OR SHINE!**
- Entrants must apply and be accepted by the Standards Committee.
- *ALL ENTRIES MUST WEAR A MASK and honor safe distancing*
- *ALL CDC Guidelines will be followed.*
- NO pre waiting in the lineup area = Drop off just be in other location and once on Float, you should stay.
- All vehicles and floats must be completed at 10:30AM sharp on the day of the parade. Entries not meeting the agreed upon standards, as determined by the staging personnel, will be pulled prior to the parade. **Floats must be no wider than 12' and no taller than 14'.**
- Floats and vehicles must have at least 50% surface coverage with seasonal decorations!! NO wreath only decor - you will not be allowed to enter the parade route.
- Music is encouraged and creates a festive entry.
- **Parade participants should dress festively in holiday attire.**
- **HolidayFest reserves the right to provide SANTA. So not to confuse the children, NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE ALLOWED! This means no Santa beards can be worn.**
- **Throwing of candy or other items is PROHIBITED. Those who insist will be asked to exit the parade. No smoking or alcoholic beverages while participating in the parade**
- **HolidayFest of the City of Hendersonville is not liable for any injuries incurred before, during or after the parade**