



Rules & Regulations

BEFORE THE PARADE:

Entry/Float Requirements:

- Entries are encouraged to display the name of the organization and/or business.
- **NO** dressing as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (parade committee selects “official” Claus’s)
 - Santa hats are allowed and holiday attire is encouraged
- Absolutely **NO** items may be “thrown” into the crowd. This includes but is not limited to: candy, beads, toys, and pamphlets. With **PRIOR APPROVAL** you may hand items directly to observers along the street.
- Each entry **must** provide at least two adult supervisors to walk the parade route.
 - Children 14 and under are **prohibited** from walking alongside moving parade floats, vehicles and other motorized units.
- **Maximum Float Dimensions** – Height 12’ , Width 10’ , Length 75’ (not to exceed 75’)
 - Any single-unit truck (no trailer) should not exceed 40ft in length (with the exception of buses). Any combination vehicle (power unit plus trailer) which is connected using a pintle-hook or ball hitch system should not exceed 75 ft in length as measured from the forward most vehicle component to the rearmost component of the trailer.
 - Any combination vehicle which is connected using a fifth-wheel assembly should not exceed 72 ft in length as measured from the forward most vehicle component to the rearmost component of the trailer.
 - No low-boy type equipment trailers (due to extensive length and low ground clearance).
 - No wreckers or dump trucks will be allowed as a parade entry.
- **Equestrian Entry Requirements**
 - Equestrian entries may not line up more than three horses/riders abreast.
- **Poop Scooping:**
 - Must provide one costumed person equipped with scoop and container to clean up behind the horses.
 - If the horses are “diapered”, costumed pooper-scoopers are not required.
 - **ENTRIES WITH HORSES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LINE UP UNTIL 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO PARADE START.** These entries must check in with parade coordinator and confirm position in the parade at the time specified for line up.

PARADE DAY:

Parade Route:

- Entries will **not** pause and/or stop to perform at any other location besides the specified location on the parade route.
 - Entries will have 30 seconds to perform at that location.
- All parade entries need to report to assembly area **promptly at 3:30**. Entries **not** in position by 4:00pm will not be allowed to participate.
- Parade participants with non-parade vehicles will **not** be permitted into a division. Groups should establish a meeting place outside of the parade divisions to initially meet and then walk to division.
- **Must** stay within 20 feet of the entry in front of you
- Walking entries may perform forward motion drills, dancing, etc. on the parade route as long as they continue to move forward down the street in a timely manner
- Special attention is required on turns to avoid pedestrian and observer traffic.

Parking for the parade:

- First and foremost, we cannot stress enough how important carpooling is.
- Parking lot availability will be confirmed and provided to all entries prior to the event.
- Street parking is **NOT** available on the parade route.
 - If you park on the street, make sure you obey all posted signage and restrictions and do not block any driveways or alleys. Please do not park in any private parking lots unless you have express permission from the property owner to do so.
- Contracted towing companies, not the Police Department, are authorized to tow vehicles from most private lots. **Towing is at the owner's expense.**
- There will be no parking along the parade route and on some adjacent side streets beginning at **NOON** on the day of the parade.
- There will be signs in place to indicate the restrictions. The Police Department will have vehicles towed on Saturday afternoon that have not been removed from the street.

Weather:

- In the event of inclement weather, the parade will continue as scheduled unless City Police and Fire deem the weather to be extreme and raise safety concerns. Your attendance in the event of inclement weather is at your discretion. However, if you choose **NOT** to attend, please **email** the Parade Committee bridgevillechristmasparade@gmail.com by 2pm the day of the event so we can adjust.
- **The Rain date is December 10, 2017 at 4:30 PM.**

Other important notes:

The streets along the parade route and some adjacent side streets will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 2:00p.m. The roads will remain closed until maintenance crews finish cleaning the route – all streets are expected to be open by 9 p.m.

- Use of alcoholic beverages by any and all parade participants is **absolutely prohibited**. Disregarding this rule will result in immediate removal from the parade. Violators will not be allowed to participate in any future parade events. Contact the Parade Committee at bridgevillechristmasparade@gmail.com with any questions.