



Bridgeville's Annual Christmas Parade

Theme: "Holiday Movie Magic"

Directions to Registration Point and Lineup:

The registration booth is at the Bridgeville Public Library, 600 S. Cannon Street. Only one representative from each entry needs to sign in and receive your staging number. Larger equipment/vehicles do not need to drive through registration.

From the North: South on Route 13 to S. Main St. Right on S. Main St. to Jacobs Ave. Left on Jacobs Ave. to S. Cannon St. to the registration table at the Bridgeville Public Library (600 S Cannon Street).

From the South: North on Route 13 to S. Main St. Left on S. Main St. to Jacobs Ave. Left on Jacobs Ave to S. Cannon St. to the registration table at the Bridgeville Public Library (600 S Cannon Street).

From the East: Travel West to Route 13. Then follow the above directions.

Bands will line up on BALLPARK DRIVE. Buses can drop off and park at the Bridgeville Public Library. Equipment and smaller vehicles may be dropped in the staging areas, but there is no room for buses.

Fire Companies will stage along DELAWARE AVENUE, facing west towards Delaware Avenue.

Parade Rules and Regulations

Entries/Floats

Entries are encouraged to display the organization's name and/or business.

NO other Santa and Mrs. Claus will be allowed in the parade other than the Parade-provided entry.

NO CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN FROM ANY ENTRY. YOU ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO HAVE WALKERS HAND OUT CANDY/ITEMS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.

Entries with children must have a minimum of two adult supervisors accompanying the entry. Children under the age of 14 are prohibited from walking alongside motorized units.

Car Clubs should be STAGGERED and IN EACH LANE – NOT SINGLE FILE. We encourage music during the parade but make sure music is FAMILY FRIENDLY.

Equestrian entries may not line up more than three horses/riders abreast.

Equestrian entries must provide one person equipped with a scoop and container to clean behind horses.

Entries with horses are not required to line up until 30 minutes before the start of the parade.

Please be prepared to attach an 8 ½" x 11" sign with your unit's number on the left front of your entry. Signs will be provided at registration. The sign is essential for the announcements and recognition.

We like to encourage marching bands to play throughout the entire parade route as you see fit.

Music played from any entry should be at a reasonable level so that it is entertaining to the viewers but does not interfere with other units. Horns and engine noise should be used sparingly.



Parade Route

A map will be generated and posted on social media closer to the Parade Date

Entries will not pause/stop to perform at any location other than the Reviewing/Judging area(s).

The Reviewing Stand /Judging Area will be at 103 S. Main Street – directly next to Town Hall, at the turn of Market Street onto Main Street. Please do not stop for more than 30 seconds in this area. In the event that Weller's Delmarva covers the parade, they will be at the intersection of Laws and Market Streets. Smile! You're on TV!

All entries should plan to be registered and in position by 5:30 p.m. Any entry not in position by 6:00 p.m. may not enter the parade.

Non-parade vehicles are not to enter the lineup area if possible – DO NOT BLOCK THE PARADE ROUTE. Please have participants gather outside the staging area and then walk to their lineup position. Please try to limit the number of non-parade vehicles coming into the parking areas. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Please maintain the distance given by the parade official between entries. **(20 feet)** This allows the announcer to adequately recognize each entry while in the reviewing/judging area.

Please remain conscious of the distance to the spectators along the parade route.

Parking along the parade route is prohibited. NO PARKING SIGNS will be displayed along the parade route. There will be overflow parking available at Woodbridge Middle School and the Bridgeville Public Library. Obey all parking restrictions.

Weather: In the event of inclement weather, the parade committee, along with the Bridgeville Police Department and Fire Officials, will make a decision no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event whether the parade will occur. In the event that it is postponed, the parade will be held on December 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Your attendance is at your discretion but would be appreciated. However, if you DO NOT plan to attend, please email the parade committee by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event so that we can make adjustments.

Breakup of the parade is at the intersection of S. Main Street and Jacobs Avenue. Marching Bands will return to Bridgeville Public Library. Any entry that needs to exit Bridgeville can continue straight from S. Main Street to Route 13. **Announcements and awarding of trophies will follow at the Bridgeville Public Library (600 S. Cannon Street), where the registration table was. Please have one representative visit the Library immediately following the parade for the awarding of trophies.**

Trophies will be awarded for: Best Appearing Marching Band, Best Appearing Walking Group, Best Float, Best Equestrian, Best Commercial Entry, Best Car Club, Best Appearing Fire Company, and Best Youth Group.

For any questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact Town Hall at (302) 337-7135 or by email at townofbridgeville@gmail.com.