

# Christmas Parade Guidelines

## 2023 Parade and Tree Lighting - December 3rd

● All entries **MUST** have a representative at one of the parade orientation meetings on Wednesday November 29, 2023 at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. 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!

### Required Training Location: Location TBD

- 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. Follow our Facebook page for results! 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 2:00 PM pm RAIN OR SHINE!**
- Entrants must apply and be accepted by the Standards Committee.
- *ALL CDC Guidelines will be followed.*
- There will be no driving up to the float lot to drop off supplies - please make arrangements to either carry them on your float. Only vehicles in the actual parade will be permitted to pass through to the float lot - this is for safety.
- All vehicles and floats must be completed at 1:00 PM 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**