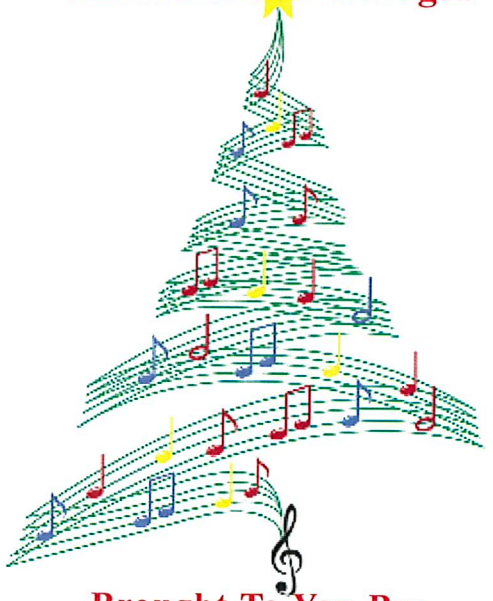
# The Lights and Sounds of Christmas

**Downtown Moultrie Festival of Lights Christmas Parade**

**6:00 pm**
**Thursday, December 8, 2016**
**Moultrie Georgia**



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**PARADE ENTRY FORM: Thursday, December 8, 2016 Downtown Moultrie**

Return Entry form to: City of Moultrie Main Street Program
P.O. Box 3368 Moultrie, GA 31776

Entry Name:_____

Contact Person:_____

Address:_____

Phone#:_____ Email:_____ Fax:_____

Please check the appropriate category you feel will qualify for your entry:

_School _Church _Organization/Club _Commercial Business (_ 16 Employees & over) (_15 Employees & under)

PARADE THEME: "The Lights & Sounds of Christmas"

To maintain the overall effects of the night time parade, only vehicles featuring light displays will be allowed with only the exception of cars for dignitaries. No trucks, cars, full size semis or other means of transportation will be allowed unless lighting effects are created by participants. Participants not meeting these guidelines will be asked to remove their entry from the line up prior to entering parade route.

☐ **I have enclosed a check or money order for $15** ☐ **I have enclosed description of my entry to be read on T.V. during the parade.**

☐ **I will mail my description in.** ***Make checks payable to City of Moultrie***

**City of Moultrie**
**Main Street Program**
**P.O. Box 3368**
**Moultrie, GA 31776**

# Christmas in Downtown Moultrie

**6:00 PM** "The Lights & Sounds of Christmas" ***Christmas Parade*** will light up the sky as it makes its way downtown. This traditional parade is becoming known as one of the largest in South Georgia. Bring your friends and bring your chairs.

**2016 Parade Theme:**

"The Lights & Sounds of Christmas"

**CATEGORIES**

- Church (1st Place, 2nd Place)
- Organization / Club (1st Place, 2nd Place)
- School (1st Place, 2nd Place)
- Commercial Business
  - 16 employees & over (1st Place, 2nd Place)
- Commercial Business
  - 15 employees & under (1st Place, 2nd Place)

**PARADE: RULES & REGULATIONS**

**1.** The parade will begin at the Presbyterian Church and continue north around the Square. It will disband at the intersection of South Main and 11th Ave. (red light at CVS). You must not break out of line until escort police have given you directions to do so.

**2.** Units may begin lining up no earlier than 3:00 PM in the east lane of 1st Street SE, south of the Presbyterian Church parking lot. Units will be placed in line on a first come basis and will be directed into position by parade officials. Parade officials will be traveling on golf carts. DO NOT park your float without checking in w/parade official. If this is not done, entry could be moved to end of parade line. Do not drop your float off and leave it unattended. **All units must be lined up by 5:30 PM. No spaces will be saved. If you need to be next to certain entries, you must arrive together in line. DO NOT PARK YOUR ENTRY AND LEAVE IT UNATTENDED!**

**3.** If you have several participants riding on your float, have them meet you in a designated area. Please do not plan to meet on the street.

**4. PLEASE NOTE:** To maintain the overall effects of the night time parade, **only vehicles featuring light displays will be allowed.** The only exception will be cars for dignitaries and walking groups. The more lights you have the better your entry will look. No trucks, cars, full size semis or other means of transportation will be allowed unless lighting effects are created by participants. Participants not meeting these guidelines will be asked to remove their entries from the line up prior to entering parade route.

**5.** All units must be decorated for the Christmas season and should have the sponsor's **name displayed on both sides of entry in legible letters and/or the entry must be proceeded by a banner displaying the entry name to qualify for judging. It will be most helpful for parade commentators to see the entry's name on the front and the sides.**

**6.** All go-carts and motor bikes **MUST** be under the supervision of a responsible adult.

**7.** Participants will be responsible for obtaining spaces for decorating and building floats. Beauty queens and other entrants are responsible for obtaining their own vehicle. All entries should be complete at time of line-up. No materials will be available for last minute repairs and additions.

**8. Due to liability issues, no horses will be allowed in the parade.**

**9.** The Parade will move at a **walking pace at all times**. Please refrain from having gaps in front of you.

**10.** As a safety precaution, NO CANDY OR ANY OTHER ITEMS will be allowed to be THROWN to the crowd.

**11. No children under the age of seven can ride on a float in the parade without direct supervision of an adult on the float.**
No children under twelve years of age are allowed to participate within the parade "line of march" without adult supervision.

**12.** DO NOT include Santa in your display.
Santa will appear in the parade directly from the North Pole.

**13.** All entries (without exception) must have an entry card on file at the Main Street office located on North Main Street (next door to Sherwin-Williams Paints) before 5:00 PM on December 1.

**14.** With your entry card, you will need to provide a check or money order for $15.00.

**15.** A description or history of the entry, in about twenty-five words, must be turned in. This should be included with the entry card at registration. If it is not completed at that time, it must be mailed one week prior to the parade to: City of Moultrie, Main Street Program, P.O. Box 3368, Moultrie, GA 31776. This will be used for the television broadcast during the parade.

**16.** Parade Marshals have the authority to seek the removal of any person or units from the parade, when in their judgement, parade guidelines are being violated. Police, Security, the General chairperson, or the Parade Coordinator will be contacted immediately should this circumstance occur.

**17.** Remember that we cannot control the weather. If weather conditions are considered extreme and unsafe by the Parade Coordinator, the parade may be cancelled and will possibly be rescheduled.

**18.** Announcement of winners will be made in Moultrie Observer and WMTM Radio station 93.9 FM. Award winners will be notified of award ceremony.

**I hereby certify that I have read the rules and regulation and agree to abide by them. I will have a copy of these rules in my possession during the parade.**

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**Signature**

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**Name (please print)**

**For additional information contact:**
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