

Christmas in Downtown Moultrie

6:00 PM “A Christmas to Remember” *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.

2019 Parade Theme:

“A Christmas to Remember”

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)

Float entries are always encouraged as it makes the parade bigger and better. Only floats will be judged. A float is classified as a truck pulling a trailer or flatbed. Float decorations and parade float kits may be purchased at www.victorycorps.com

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 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. **PLEASE 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, 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 with a MINIMUM of six inch letters.** If music is played on or from a entry, the music must be appropriate to the season.

6. All go-carts and motor bikes **MUST** be under the supervision of a responsible adult. Burnouts or stunt driving maneuvers will not be tolerated during the parade.

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. Discharge of anytype of firearm in the parade is prohibited.**

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 6th.

14. A description or history of the entry, in less than 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Announcement of winners will be made in Moultrie Observer and social media. 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.

Signature _____

Name (please print) _____

For additional information contact:
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