



2024 Holiday Parade

October 4, 2024

Dear Parade Participants:

The Town of Blacksburg is excited to once again offer the Annual Holiday Parade on **Friday, December 6 at 7:30p.m. (Inclement weather date, Saturday, December 7 at 7pm.)** This year's theme will be "**Holiday Lights, Winter Nights**".

In conjunction with the parade the Town will kick off the holiday season in downtown Blacksburg with shopping, a tree lighting ceremony, and pictures with Santa at the Lyric.

Safety will be our main concern for participants and spectators so please obey all requests concerning the parade. Please see attached rules and regulations before deciding on your entry type.

The deadline for entering the parade is Wednesday, **November 20, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. While we encourage you to hand out balloons, candy, etc. with your logo, **no solicitation** of materials will be permitted. Also, we ask that you **please do not have a Santa** in your parade entry; the town will have Santa there for sure.

To register please fill out the attached entry form and return it either by email, mail, or in person at 615 Patrick Henry Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060, Attn: David Goodman. I will forward detailed information to all participants the latter part of November with line-up instructions.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 540-443-1106 or e-mail me at degoodman@blacksburg.gov.

Happy Holidays,

David Goodman

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Parade Safety: Rules, Regulations, and Helpful Hints

- All decorative materials utilized on parade floats shall be **flame-resistant**.
- All motorized apparatus utilized for parade floats are ***required*** to provide a **portable fire extinguisher** with a minimum 2-A: 10-B: C rating, to which the operator shall have ready access.
- Any parade float utilizing special effects designed to create smoke, flame, heat, or sparking conditions shall be approved prior to utilization by the parade coordinator.
- **Adult supervision** should be provided to all children.
- All floats must be **less than 13 feet high (Must fit under the power lines on Main Street)**.
- **NO Headlights during parade route.**
- A hand line should be placed around any truck bed, as a **safety support** to hold onto, where parade participants will be riding.
- Bring a flashlight, it gets dark early and there are limited street lights at the end site.
- While we encourage you to give out candy, etc., we ask that you **please hand out candy, etc., to spectators (for safety reasons) instead of throwing, as children will run into traffic.**
- Please **DO NOT** have a Santa in your parade entry. (The Town of Blacksburg will provide one.)



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Parade Entry Deadline: Wednesday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:
(This person will receive line-up information)

ADDRESS:

(Where to mail parade line-up information)

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

DAYTIME TELEPHONE:

Number of People in Your Entry:

ENTRY TYPE: (Check Box)

FLOAT
(Under 13ft. high) **(Please specify – Youth or General float)**

MARCHING UNIT
(Please Specify) **(4-H, Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA, church group, walkers, etc)**

MOTORCADE
(Only 1 vehicle per business) **(Please specify: Cars, Fire Engines, Tractors, etc.)**

OTHER
(Please describe: Horses, etc)

A Parade Information Packet will be sent to your organization contact person via mail or email prior to the parade. Please make sure that their address is on the registration form, as all information will be mailed to that address. The contact person is responsible for informing all members of their organization about line-up instructions and other detailed instructions. Inclement weather date, Saturday, December 7 at 7pm

RETURN ENTRY FORM TO (Form must be received by 5 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 20th)



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c/o David Goodman, Community Programs Supervisor
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