



2018 Holiday Parade

October 22, 2018

Dear Parade Participants:

The Town of Blacksburg would like to personally invite you or your organization to be a participant in the 2018 Holiday Parade to be held on **Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.** (A rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, December 8, at 1:00 p.m.) This year's theme is **Good Tidings of Great Joy!!**

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 Claus.

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 Friday, **November 23, 2018** 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, for continuity sake, we ask that you **please do not have a Santa** in your parade entry; the Town will provide one.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Fill out the enclosed entry form and return it to the address on the parade entry form, or email to rhall@blacksburg.gov, and help make "Good Tidings of Great Joy" a memorable parade. I will forward detailed information to all participants the latter part of November with directions and line-up instructions.

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

Happy Holidays,

Randy Hall
Community Programs Supervisor
Town of Blacksburg, VA
540-443-1106

Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Department

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 shall be provided with 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.
- **Adult supervision** should be provided to all children.
- All floats must be **less than 13 feet high**.
- **NO Headlights during parade route**.
- A rope should be placed around any truck bed, as a **safety support** to hold onto, where parade participants will be riding.
- Bring a flashlight.
- 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**.
- Please **DO NOT** have a Santa in your parade entry. (The Town of Blacksburg will provide one.)



*If you have questions or concerns, please contact
Randy Hall at (540) 443-1106 or rhall@blacksburg.gov*



2018 Blacksburg Annual Holiday Parade

Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Theme: Good Tidings of Great Joy

Parade Entry Deadline: Friday, November 23 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: ____ (____) _____

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR ENTRY TO BE JUDGED? _____ YES _____ NO

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, Boy Scouts, 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 his/her 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.**

A RAIN DATE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 8^{AT} 1:00 P.M.
(More info provided in Parade Packet)

RETURN ENTRY FORM TO (Form must be received by 5 pm on Friday, Nov. 23):



Mail: Department of Parks and Recreation
c/o Randy Hall, Community Programs Supervisor
615 Patrick Henry Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Fax Number: 540-951-8313 or **email:** rhall@blacksburg.gov

