



## Christmas Parade Rules and Information

2018 theme: *"A Family Christmas"*



### **Please copy and distribute to ALL your Parade Participants**

1. Create a holiday theme. (Remember we **do not allow Santa Claus look-a-likes** because there is **only one official Santa at the end of the parade.**)
2. Decorate with holiday lights. (Remember to turn vehicle headlights off, parking and running lights are ok.)
3. Size of entries. (Maximums are 12' wide, 32' long and 13' high)
4. Display name clearly on both sides of the entry.
5. Fire extinguisher and tools. (Make them easy to access on your float. Generators, converters and batteries may be used to power lights/sound systems.)
6. Gas-powered generators. (Make sure they are safely ventilated away from riders and are partially enclosed to muffle noise that competes with holiday music. Fill up before because no refueling is allowed during the parade.)
7. **No air horns are allowed** as they interfere with the music on other floats and bands.
8. Safety first. (Drivers must be able to see clearly in front and out the sides of their entry. Candy and any other items must be handed out by walkers, **not thrown from floats**, for the safety of small children who tend to run toward candy.)
9. Leave it clean. (Pick up litter around your float and along the parade route. If you hand out candy, one person must walk back over the parade route with a trash bag to help pick up litter.)
10. Horses must be bagged.
11. **All entries and participants in the parade must complete the whole parade route. No one will be allowed to leave the parade early. This is very important for the safety of everyone.**



## Parade Day - Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### Instructions – Read Carefully



We are excited to have your entry in this year's Christmas parade. There are a few things you need to know:

1. All floats/entries enter the Phillips 66 parking lot from the south entrance, which is located just west of Jennings Ave right past the railroad tracks **off of Adams Blvd.**
2. **Float/Entry line-up begins at 2:00pm** (allow time for traffic back-up); **Judging begins at 5:00pm; you must be in line by 4:45 pm to be judged. Judging ends at 6:00 pm. The parade begins promptly at 6:30pm.**
3. You **will be able to drive your personal vehicle into the parking lot to either park (very limited) or drop off float riders. You will be directed as to where you can park!** We encourage you to carpool as much as possible.
4. If you prefer, there is parking available at the Community Center, the Library, First United Methodist or First Presbyterian Churches, or other parking lots just off Adams Blvd. and walk the 2-4 blocks into the parking lot. **Or** have someone drop you off at the designated drive through drop-off located at the north side of the Phillips 66 parking lot. It is the Zachary parking lot on Short Street off Frank Phillips Blvd just past the railroad tracks.
5. If dropping off children 12 years and younger, an adult **MUST** accompany them to their parade group. Kiwanis Club members & Parade Volunteers are **NOT** available or responsible for getting your child to their group.
6. Once you make it inside the parade staging area (Phillips 66 parking lot), meet up with your group quickly.
7. Please note bands will meet in the northeast corner of the parking lot. Do not park in this area. They will move to their designated areas that will allow the band to march into the line-up at the right time.
8. **Follow the instructions of the Orange and Yellow Vested workers and Police Officers all along the parade route, who may signal you to stop, proceed or give further instructions for your and other parade participants safety.**
9. Once the parade starts, keep the distance constant **approx. 30'** in front of each entry, **do not allow gaps to form! Do not dismount riders during the parade.**

**Parade Hotline 918-977-3400**