

## **Orange City's Christmas Parade Rules and Guidelines**

**Parade Entry Fee:** Parade entrants may choose (but are not required) to donate non-perishable food items or gift cards to City Hall (*please see Danielle FitzPatrick*) prior to the parade (*last day to donate is 12/9/22*). All donations will be delivered to the Sorosis Club for their Operation Santa program, which benefits Orange City children and families.

**Day of Parade Info:** The parade will begin at 5:00 pm on 17/92, beginning at French Ave. The drop off/check in area is located at E French Ave. Eastside parade staging will be at 17/92, east along Lansdowne Ave. Westside staging will be at 17/92, west along May Street. Please do not arrive with your group to this location before 4:30 pm as OCPD and Public Works will be working to close 17/92. If unsure of your line-up number City staff are present on the east side of French to assist and check you in. Parade line up numbers are written on stakes that line the sides of 17/92 as soon as the road is closed (road closure begins at 4:30 pm). The parade will end at the Fancy Fruit parking lot.

**Below are the parade guidelines. If you have any other questions, please call 386-775-5410 or email [dfitzpatrick@ourorangecity.com](mailto:dfitzpatrick@ourorangecity.com).**

- No political campaigning.
- No profanity or sexual innuendos.
- Per City Council policy, there is **NO THROWING CANDY FROM VEHICLES!** Walkers may gently toss or hand out candy.
- All drivers of any motorized vehicles, including ATVs, must be licensed drivers.
- Drop-off and check in begins at 4:30 pm on 17/92 at French Ave. You will receive a map via email with staging instructions.
- The parade route begins at French Ave and heads south to Ohio Ave. The parade route is slightly approximately one mile in length. The parade ENDS at Fancy Fruit parking lot on Ohio Ave. You will not be permitted to continue south on 17/92.
- Floats should display the name of the business, school or organization.
- There is only one Santa and we have him reserved.
- The parade is in the evening (starts at 5pm). If you are in the second half of the parade, lights are recommended.
- Keep the theme "Snow Globe Parade" in mind when decorating.
- Safety is our main concern, no carelessness with vehicles or any other parade entry.
- Open container and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas before, during and after the parade is strictly prohibited.
- Animals must be on a lead/leash and under control at all times. There must be someone to clean any waste.
- Awards will be given out for multiple categories:
  - Best in Show Award (*entry that carries out this year's theme to the max!*)
  - Illuminations Award (*most amazing display of lights*)
  - Jingle Bells Music Award (*best use of music*)
  - Best Walking Group (*best marching or walking entry*)
  - Christmas Spirit Award (*entry with the most enthusiastic participants*)
  - Elfin Magic Award (*best entry featuring children*)

- Winners will be announced via Orange City social media. Winners will be recognized at a Council Meeting in January.
- Your entry's line-up number should be visible on the driver's side (east side) of float/vehicles. Judges will be located at Dickinson Park (just south of Graves Ave) on the east side of the road. If they cannot see your lineup number, then they may not be able to identify who you are and your parade entry may not be judged.

**Please check back as the guidelines may be updated.**