

Columbia Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 3, 2022 | Parade: 6:00 PM | Tree Lighting: 7:15-ish

- **Application Deadline: Nov 22, 2022. No Entries accepted after this date. One FLOAT per application please.**
- **Rain date: Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 PM**
- **4:30 PM: Parade line-up begins** - all entries must be in place by 5:30 PM (This includes both judged and non-judged entries.)
- **5:45 PM: Parade line-up closes** - staging area secured with no further access permitted
- **6:00 PM: Parade begins** at Trotwood/W 7th St split and travels east to Courthouse Square; Tree Lighting festivities will begin approximately 15 minutes after parade ends.
- This is a nighttime parade so holiday decorations & lights are expected & appropriate holiday music is encouraged. No decorating theme is required this year.
- No substitute floats permitted unless approved 48 hours prior to the parade.
- The traditional staging area is along W 7th Street in front of Columbia Academy and east to the Trotwood Avenue split. The parade route begins at the Trotwood/W 7th Street split and goes downtown beyond the East side of the Maury County Courthouse.
- **This year's parade will be followed by the annual Tree Lighting on the Square.** Upon completing the parade, procession participants can walk back to the Courthouse Square for the tree lighting.
- Judged winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting following the parade.
- All parade entrants will be emailed final details with line-up numbers the week prior to the parade. Corresponding line-up numbers will be displayed along the W 7th Street line-up area.
- Throughout the line-up process, all entries are to remain along the north side of W 7th Street.
- The parade will begin at 6:00 PM & proceed along W 7th Street to the east side of the Courthouse Square.
- The parade must move continuously with NO stopping.
- Upon approaching the Courthouse, all motorized entries will exit at E 7th Street and all walking entries will exit at North Main Street. No stopping or dismounting allowed until you have cleared beyond the exit streets.
- Upon completion of the parade, all participants are encouraged to return on foot to the Courthouse Square for the annual Tree Lighting. Please plan accordingly.
- Parade participant pick-up must be scheduled in advance. Parking lots near the Courthouse Square at Woodland Street, W 6th Street, or Columbia City Hall may be used for pick-up.
- No youth participants are to be left unattended at any time.
- The Columbia Police Department and the official parade staff will govern parade activities.
- The parade typically lasts 1 to 1.5 hours.
- **Display line-up numbers in a prominent place on the front of parade entry.**
- It is not permitted to throw candy or other items from parade floats. You may have a 'walker' accompany your float to hand out candy, but no contact can be made between the walker and the float at any time.
- Profanity or suggestive audio, video, graphics, or signage is not permitted.
- Absolutely no jumping on or off floats while in motion.
- Motorcycles and vehicles must have an adequate muffler in constant operation, properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise.
- Maintain a slow, steady pace along the parade route, proceeding in a forward direction at all times, with at least 10 feet of distance between floats.
- No stopping for performances permitted.
- No consumption of alcohol permitted.
- Only pre-approved animal entries permitted.
- Exercise extreme caution at all times, especially in the use of generators.
- **Cancellation due to weather will be announced by 11:00 AM the day of the event through the City of Columbia's Facebook page & website and rain date will be observed.**



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PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION

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ORGANIZATION					
CONTACT					
ADDRESS					
CITY		STATE		ZIP	
PHONE		DAY OF PARADE CELL			
EMAIL					

TYPE OF ENTRY (CHECK ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> WALKING	NUMBER OF WALKING PARTICIPANTS:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVING	NUMBER OF VEHICLES:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> FLOAT	LENGTH x WIDTH x HEIGHT OF FLOAT: LENGTH x WIDTH x HEIGHT			

CATEGORY	<input type="checkbox"/> AUTOMOBILE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLE (Muffler Req.)	<input type="checkbox"/> CHURCH
	<input type="checkbox"/> CIVIC GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL BUSINESS	<input type="checkbox"/> MARCHING BAND
	<input type="checkbox"/> PAGEANTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL GROUP	<input type="checkbox"/> SCOUT GROUP
	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)		

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY					
	No theme required. This is a nighttime parade so holiday lights are expected and music is encouraged.				

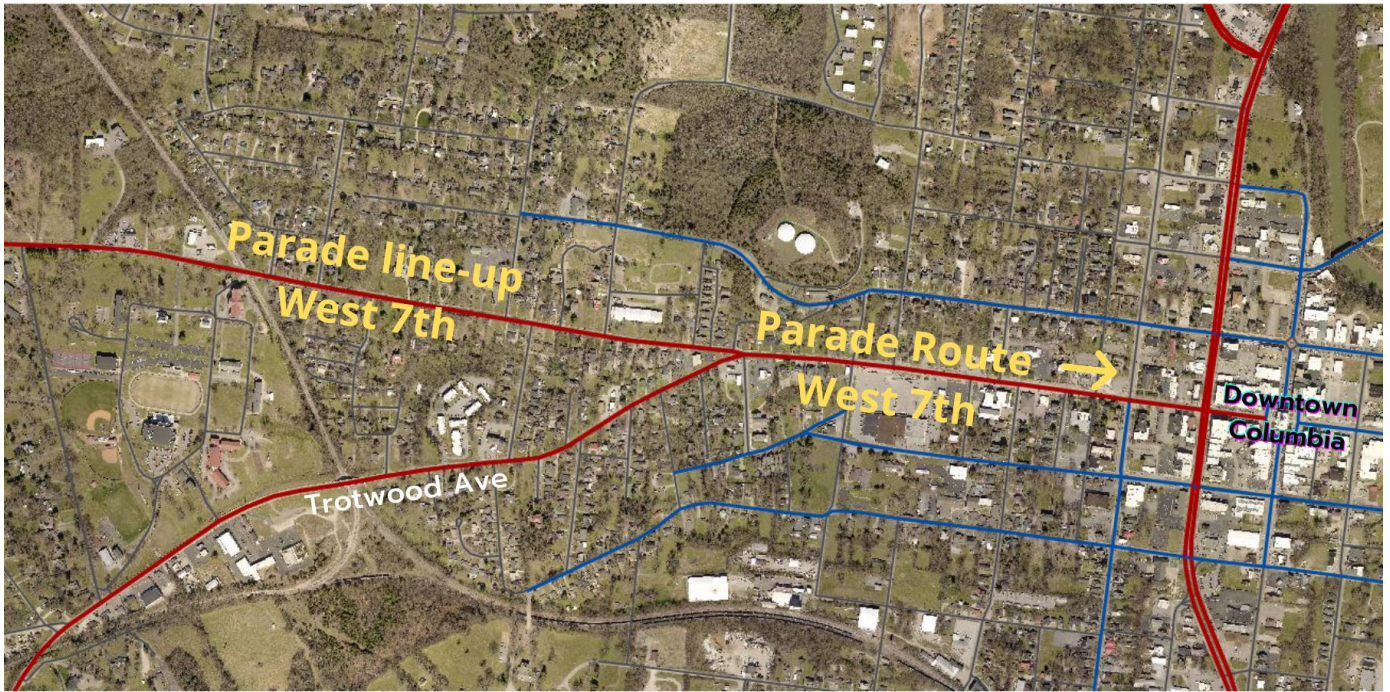
COMPANY DESCRIPTION FOR LIVE BROADCAST					

READ AND SIGN	By signing this application, participant agrees that everyone involved with this parade entry has read and will abide by the parade regulations established by the City of Columbia Parade Committee.				
	SIGNATURE			DATE	

Please email or mail your entry to:

PARADE CONTACT	City of Columbia, 700 North Garden Street, Columbia TN 38401				
	ORGANIZER	Kelli Johnson		CELL	931-560-1507
				EMAIL	kjohnson@columbiatn.com

PARADE MAP



PARADE EXIT ROUTES

