

Rules & Regulations

Thank you for being a part of the Annual Christmas Parade! The parade will begin promptly at **6:00pm, Thursday, December 15th**. If you are unable to attend, please give our office a call (438-5252). This is very important!

Please read the following information carefully:

All participants must enter from Avery Ave, East Union or Concord Street. Your entry package, mailed *approximately one week* prior to the Parade, will contain a map as well as your Parade number. Please contact our office if you do not receive this information. Your general location will be marked on a Parade map along with the road you should use to enter the Parade line-up. **Bring your location map with you the day of the parade.** When you arrive to the parade route on December 15th, your number will be marked in chalk on the pavement. It is extremely important that you are in the correct line-up space!

In General:

- _ Please car pool.
- _ Line up begins at 4:00pm.
- _ We encourage those entries with small children to bring the children no earlier than 5:30pm, unless necessary to judging.
- _ All Candy must be individually wrapped. Candy may be distributed by individuals who walk along side your unit. **THROWING CANDY FROM ANY UNIT IS PROHIBITED!** This is a safety rule required by the City of Morganton to ensure the safety of our parade participants and spectators.

Bands:

- _ Please ensure your band is playing when you approach the “reviewing stand” which will be marked on your location map. This portion of the parade will be broadcast by CoMPAS Cable. We do ask that all bands play throughout the entire parade route!

Large Parade Vehicles:

- _ Your vehicle should arrive by 2:30pm on December 15th (even if all riders are not present). This will allow you to park your vehicle in line easier.

Walking Units:

- _ All walking units should line-up in the county parking lot beside the Community One Bank at the corner of Meeting and Bouchelle Street.
- _ Look for your line-up number, which will be marked on the pavement in chalk. You should remain in this designated area until parade time.

Go-carts, Mini-bikes, 4-wheelers, and other such vehicles:

- _ Once you are in parade line-up area, you may not ride your vehicle due to the number of people in the area. Public Safety Officers will be patrolling the area and this rule will be strictly enforced and may result in your vehicle being confiscated.

Horses, trailers and buggies:

- _ All horses and horse drawn vehicles will be placed at the rear of the parade due to marching units. Horses must be “diapered” or the group must provide their own clean-up team in order to walk in the parade!

*****IMPORTANT*** THE PARADE EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE!**