

The 22nd Annual Manhattan Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade

Friday, December 1st, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION

- **Parade Entry Fee:** There is no entry fee.
- **Parade Route:** 3rd Street & Poyntz Avenue --- 11th Street --- Moro Street --- Manhattan Ave --- City Park
- **Parade Day Timeline:**
 - **3:00 PM -----Staging:** We will be lining up in the parking lot west of Dillard's again. You will be emailed before the parade with an assigned line-up time based on your position in the parade.
 - **5:30 PM -----Parade Begins Downtown**
 - **Parade Ends** in City Park. All entries must continue through to City Park. There will be an in-person tree lighting and awards ceremony in City Park following the parade.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE LIGHTS (this includes walking groups)
- Costumes are *strongly* encouraged for all participants. All participants should dress in warm clothes.
- No entry may feature Santa. Santa makes a special appearance at the end of the parade.
- Distribution of candy and trinkets is encouraged. For safety, please hand out near sidewalks, **do not throw!**
- Once the parade gets moving do not allow for gaps.
- All entries are subject to approval by the parade committee.
- The group contact person must have signed this application and all entrants must be familiar with these guidelines.
- All awards will be determined by a panel. This year's awards include:
 - **Mayor's Trophy/Best in Show:** The winner must show originality and have a significant light display.
 - **Best Use of Lights:** For the entry that uses lights in the most creative way to enhance their entry.
 - **Best Youth Float:** For the best entry by a group composed mainly of children.
 - **Best Walking Group:** For the best individual or group traveling the parade route on foot.
 - **Best Bicycle Entry:** Best individual or group on bicycles.

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Entry Name (Group, Club or Organization):

Group Contact Person

Cell Phone

E-mail

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature

Date

The following information is necessary for us to allow ample room for entry lineup. Please complete the following and add any additional information you feel is vital for proper placement of your entry.

Type of Entry - Choose one of the following categories:

___ **Band** – Marching group playing musical instruments How many members? _____

___ **Float** – Platform on wheels bearing a decorated display, pulled by a vehicle

___ **Automobile** – Vehicle with passengers

___ **Bicycle** – Non-motorized bicycle

___ **Other Vehicle** – Any decorated vehicle other than cars or floats How many? _____

___ **Pedestrians** – Organized group of walkers How many? _____

Approximate Total Participants: _____

Does your entry have music? YES NO Type: *(Speakers, Choral, etc.)* _____

Approximate length of your total entry in feet: _____

Will you need extra time to set up your entry once you reach the staging area? If so, How much?

Other information that will help us accommodate your group:

Please describe your group and your entry FOR OUR ANNOUNCER:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

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