

33rd Annual Christmas Parade of Lights

“ The Polar Express ”

Coordinated by the City of Humble Beautification Committee

The Annual Christmas Parade of Lights has grown into one of the largest “small town” parades in the Houston area. There is no better way to advertise your company, organization, or to support your community. Kids, parents, and grandparents love the parade and look forward to this event every year!

After the parade Santa Claus always visits Uptown Park to take the “wish lists” of children of all ages. With any luck at all, Santa will be able to join us again for this great tradition.

The parade is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30pm and will once again be held on historic Main Street. This year’s theme is *“The Polar Express”*.

You can register as a float entry (max of 2 motorized vehicles) or as a walking entry. Each category is broken down into different classifications and will be judged and awarded as such.

Complete the application and return it with your **\$30 application fee (Entries with additional motorized vehicles will pay \$10 for every 2 vehicles) and a donation of one new toy valued at \$10.00 or more for needy families.**

Toys will be collected the night of the parade at the registration area.

Community Organizational Float Adults & Children	School Float	Motor Vehicle Float (Cars, Fire Trucks, Etc.)	Walking Group
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Judging, based on adherence to “The Polar Express” theme and use of lights, will occur as the parade **passes** the Judges Reviewing Stand. Performances are to be done as you **MOVE** past the Judges Stand.

The deadline to register is November 18, 2024. Any applications received after this date will be charged \$50.00. No applications will be accepted after November 25, 2024.

The winners will be notified within 72 hours after completion of the parade.

A group with walkers and a float, will be judged as a float unless you file two entries along with two application fees – **NO EXCEPTIONS. THE PARADE WILL GO ON RAIN, SHINE, SLEET, OR SNOW.**

Regulations and Rules

- **All floats must be lighted, preferably with white lights**
- **No live Santa's or likenesses are allowed.** There is only one Santa, and he arrives at the end of the parade.
- Floats must not exceed 12 feet in height
- All floats must have a legible sign with their business or organization name on each side of the float. This is important for judging purposes.
- Check in at the Registration booth to get your identification numbers the night of the parade. It must be mounted on floats or carried by walkers on the **right side near the front** of the vehicle or group.
- Music is optional, but it must be Christmas music. This includes music for dance groups. Loud speakers used for any purpose other than to provide music is strictly prohibited. Music must be kept to a low level or off in the staging area so that communication is possible prior to the start of the parade. Once the float has entered Main Street the volume can be turned up.
- **Candy may be handed out to the side of the parade route by walking adults only. *Anyone throwing candy from a moving vehicle or float will be disqualified from judging.***
- **No animals such as horses or dogs are allowed to participate in the parade or be part of a float.**
- Do not stop in the parade route to perform. Keep it moving.
- Advertising is restricted to your name on banners and floats. **HANDOUTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- **All floats and groups MUST meet in the staging area which will be located on Main St. at Railroad Ave. Once you are in the staging area you will need to prepare your float or group before the start of the parade. Vehicles that are not a part of the parade will not be allowed in this area.**
- **A map of the staging area and of the parade route is included in this package for you to review, make copies, and distribute if necessary.**
Someone with the parade committee will be at the staging area by **4:00pm** on the day of the parade. All floats, vehicles, trailers, and other large moving items need to be in the staging area by **5:00pm**. All persons, participants, groups, etc. should all be at the staging area no later than **5:30pm**.
- **Teachers, leaders, and parents are responsible for seeing that all persons involved in their group are made aware of all the regulations, rules, and parking limitations.**
- The approximate speed will be 2 miles per hour.
- **No offensive language or graphics will be allowed on any signs, windows, stickers, decals or otherwise displayed. Should participants have offensive language, graphics permanently affixed to their vehicle, they should cover the offensive language or graphics in a manner so as to not be visible.**

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Name of Person Completing Application: _____

Name of Company / Organization / Group: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Alternate Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Check appropriate classification for your entry, this will determine how you will be judged!

_____ **Community Organizational Floats**
Adults and Children

_____ **School Floats**

_____ **Motor Vehicle Float**
(Cars, Fire trucks, Etc.)

_____ **Walking Group**

Approximate size of float or walking group: _____

Will you be playing music? YES NO

Brief Description of your Group (to be used for announcement during the parade):

By signing this application, the parade entrant states that it has been read, understood, and agrees to follow all the regulations and rules stated on the previous page and agrees to make certain that all participants in his or her group also agrees to follow those same regulations and rules.

Signature of Contact Person:

Date: ____

**Return Completed Registration Form and Application
fee to:**

City of Humble / Beautification Committee 114 W. Higgins, Humble, TX 77338

For further information contact the following:

PARADE INFORMATION: GWEN WILLIS 281-454-4500

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Christmas Parade Route

