



# ***Hometown Holiday Celebration***

## ***Parade Entry Suggestions and Tips***

The Hometown Holiday Celebration Committee encourages you to gather family, friends, co-workers and community groups to celebrate the spirit of the holidays. Be festive and creative while exhibiting community pride in the Hometown Holiday Celebration Parade.

### **Here are a few suggestions:**

#### **General Guidelines:**

Create festive holiday themes. If using a business sponsor, please make sure their name or logo does not dominate the decorations or theme of your entry. If you are planning to have electrically amplified sound, please make sure it doesn't overpower other parade entries or the announcers. We prohibit any sales or marketing efforts by parade participants for membership or products. Refer to Parade Rules for more details.

#### **Floats:**

Use a flatbed trailer or truck for your base. Use lightweight materials for construction such as wood, cardboard or paper mache. You can utilize a small (quiet) generator to power inexpensive lights to add brilliance. If your float is going to carry people, make sure they have something to hold onto to prevent them from falling off while the float is in motion.

#### **Individual Autos:**

You can use garland to accent and a wreath on your grill to enhance your auto. (For auto clubs, you may want to have an internal contest for best looking auto). Only vintage or classic vehicles are permitted (other than when covered as floats).

#### **Walking Groups:**

You may utilize cardboard to make signs for decoration or cutouts for people to carry. You can use multiple helium filled balloons to float a sign or appropriate decorations for people to pull along with strings (like the Macy's Parade, but smaller scale). Small, battery-operated blinking and/or colored lights can help enhance the decorations. You can use wagons or lightweight pull along platforms for creating additional decoration platforms. You can also dress up individuals to be the team of animals to 'pull' this platform along.

#### **Animal Entries:**

All parade entries with animals must have a plan for the removal of animal waste. Horses are required to wear proper gear that guarantees the parade route will stay clear of horse excrement.

#### **Support Vehicles/Horse Trailers:**

Vehicles and horse trailers must be moved to the parade disband area before the parade begins. Once you have checked-in and unloaded your entry, you are required to leave the parade formation area, and park your vehicle at the designated parking area at parade disband. Directions to the disband area will be available at check-in.

**Please distribute all parade information to each participant in your entry.**