

Germantown Holiday Parade 2021

FACT SHEET

Saturday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, December 12, 2 p.m.

Staging Area

Staging for the parade will begin at NOON in the southbound lanes of Kimbrough between Farmington and Wolf River. The parade begins at the corner of Kimbrough and Farmington and proceeds west on Farmington to Exeter. The parade will end on Exeter at the entrance to the Germantown Athletic Club / Performing Arts Center. At the end, parade entries will either be directed into the GAC/GPAC parking lot to disband or continue north to Neshoba to exit the parade route. Exeter will not be used as a drop off area and will be strictly enforced by Police.

Safety Barricades on the Route

To ensure the safety of all participants and spectators, barricades will be placed along the entire route in order to maintain a safe distance between spectators and parade participants.

Candy, Toys, Trinkets or Other Items

To ensure the safety of everyone, parade participants are *ONLY* permitted to hand out candy, toys, trinkets or other items while walking inside the barricaded sections.

Staging Area & Access Points (Parade Entries Only)

Staging area will close at 1:30 p.m. Only parade entries such as floats and vehicles will be allowed to enter the staging area from Neshoba, Farmingdale or Wolf River. A windshield flyer of "Santa & Rudolph" must be visible by police to gain access, see attached. Participants must line up along the median of the southbound lane on Kimbrough next to their designated entry number marked on 3 ft. fence posts.

Drop Off Area (Parade Participants)

Parade participants may be dropped off using the northbound lane of Kimbrough, median side. Please note that the northbound lane, curbside will be open for thru traffic. Therefore, drop off passengers at the designated parade entry number using the median side and move promptly from the area.

Judges Review Stand (Parade Performances)

To be respectful of other participants and to avoid long gaps during the parade, demonstration and performances will be limited to three minutes.

Entry Numbers - *NEW*

All entries will be issued a parade number the day of the parade by a Parks and Recreation staff member. This number needs to be out in front of the entry, placed in a position that can easily be seen as you approach the judges' review stand. This is to ensure the parade script is in order for the emcee.

Judging

Float and Automobile judging will begin at 1 p.m. and awards will be presented to winners along the staging area at 1:45 p.m. Walking/Dancing and Band Divisions will be judged during the parade at the Judges Review Stand. The award for these categories will be announced immediately following the parade at the Review Stand where awards will be presented to the winners. If a representative is not available, the award may be picked up the following Monday at the Parks and Recreation office, 2276 West Street, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parking of Buses and Trailers

Buses and trailers **must** park at The Great Hall & Conference Center, 1900 S. Germantown Road. All other vehicles are prohibited from parking in this designated bus only parking spot.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, call 751-5669 for details on event status. Information will be available after 11:30 a.m., on the day of the parade. The rain date is Sunday, December 12, 2 p.m.

PARADE GUIDELINES

TO ENSURE EVERYONE'S SAFETY...

- All vehicle owners must provide proof of up-to-date vehicle insurance and all drivers must have a valid driver's license.
- The speed of motorized vehicles in the parade must be limited to 10 mph or less.
- Drivers (including clowns on bicycles or unicycles) must refrain from weaving or swerving towards the crowd.
- **Throwing candies, toys, trinkets or other items into the crowd is forbidden.** To ensure the safety of everyone, parade participants are *ONLY* permitted to hand out such items while walking inside the barricaded sections to prevent children from running onto the parade route.
- Animals must be under control at all times: those riding on floats must be tethered to the float; experienced equestrians must handle horses.
- Fireworks, starter pistols and cannons are not allowed; please moderate the level of amplified sound effects and music, which can startle animals or drivers.
- Limit the length, height and width of floats to dimensions that accommodate the parade route's street widths, turns, and overhanging branches.
- For all float decorations, use materials that are fire retardant.
- Carry a fire extinguisher on your float.
- Floats must have secured handrails that riders must grasp at all times. Participants are not allowed to extend arms or legs beyond the edges of the float.
- At the staging area, drop off passengers at your designated staging position and then move promptly from the area to let traffic flow smoothly. At the finish area, keep moving along Exeter Road and follow directions from the Police or parade staff to exit the parade route.
- Make sure that your parade vehicle is in good mechanical condition.
- Make sure that your parade vehicle driver is in good, healthy condition.
- Monitor weather conditions and make adjustments as needed.

NOTICE

The City of Germantown reserves the right to remove any individual, group, vehicle, float or participant from the Germantown Holiday Parade at the sole discretion of the Fire, Police or Parks & Recreation Department personnel. It is intended for the Germantown Holiday Parade to be held as a celebration of the holiday season and for the enjoyment of the participants and viewing public. In the interest of public safety, compliance with laws, and the spirit of the holiday season, all participants of the Germantown Holiday Parade are asked to comply with the directions of City of Germantown personnel. Please avoid any unsafe, illegal, or hurtful and unbecoming conduct that will imperil the public safety or diminish the public's enjoyment of the event.