

Celebrate the 2021 Holidays in Downingtown!

DOWNINGTOWN GOOD NEIGHBOR CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 11, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL OF THE PARADE REGISTRATION INFORMATION!

Once you have finished you can [click here](#) for a Registration Form

READ IT PLEASE!!

The 2021 Downingtown Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 11 starting promptly at 3:00 pm. There is NO snow/rain date.

PARTICIPANTS – Any business, group or individual is invited to participate in the parade and can either walk, ride in a vehicle or put together a float. You must be at the staging area by 2:00 pm with the exception of the floats. Floats should arrive by 1:30 pm as judging starts promptly at 2:00 pm.

Floats prizes: 1st prize - \$150, 2nd prize - \$100, 3rd prize - \$50

Traffic is very congested in the area, so leave yourself plenty of time to arrive! If at all possible, **AVOID** coming into the staging area by way Lloyd Avenue from Manor Avenue. Traffic gets very backed up on both sides of the little bridge near Grace Church and you will be late!!

Remember, this is a Christmas Parade. Individuals and groups need to dress in holiday/seasonal costumes. Vehicles must also be decorated and this means more than just a wreath hanging on the front grill. The only exceptions will be the politician's cars, antique cars and fire trucks.

This is mandatory!!!! Our parade personnel at each staging location will go around prior to the start of the parade to check for your decorations. No decorations – no parade!

NO SANTAS or MRS. CLAUS IN THE PARADE!

The only Santa and Mrs. Claus will be the ones the committee puts on the float at the end of the parade. Any Santa or Mrs. Claus on a float, in a car or wherever, will be pulled from the parade.

STAGING AREA – The staging area will include the parking lot on the west side of Beaver Creek, all of Gable Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue between Aston and Lloyd Avenues, Forrest Avenue and West Highland Avenue. Do not arrive in the staging area until 1:00 pm when the parade personnel will be on location to direct you to the proper staging location. Floats must be completely decorated before entering the staging area.

KEEP READING THERE'S MORE!!!!

PARADE ROUTE – The parade route is 1.7 miles long. The parade will start/stage in the area of Beaver Creek Elementary School, 601 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, travel south on Gable Avenue to Business Rt. 30. The parade will turn left and head east on Rt. 30 continuing to Whiteland Avenue to disband. Motorized vehicles can continue east on Rt. 30 to head home unless you need to drop off participants. Units turning onto Whiteland Avenue will be directed as to where to go. **DO NOT STOP ON THE FIRST BLOCK OF WHITELAND AVENUE AND DISBAND!** – THIS ONLY HOLDS UP THE REST OF THE PARADE! Continue down Whiteland Avenue turning left onto Washington Avenue or continuing further down the block and turn right onto Jefferson Avenue. Please listen to the Parade Personnel and the Police Officers in the area!

NO GAPS IN THE PARADE!!!! There is nothing worse than being a spectator and wondering what happened to the rest of the parade – is it over? - because the gap is so big!!!

- If you have a group with small children that you feel can't keep up, please consider putting them on a float or in a vehicle.
- If you are handing out something – flyers or candy – not everyone in the crowd needs to get something! Also, if you have a vehicle that goes with your group, that vehicle needs to keep going and not stop because your group is still handing things out! If that vehicle is holding extra candy or flyers, consider putting your things in a wagon and pull it.
- **This year – let's keep the parade going along at a nice pace with NO GAPS!!**

STAGING AREA PARKING/DROP OFF – Parking is very limited! The drop off location will be at Grace Church (Pennsylvania and Lloyd Avenues). Enter the church parking lot by way of Lloyd Avenue. Parents with small children may park in the church lot and walk their child over to where their group is meeting but you must then remove your car from the parking lot. There may be some parking spaces on the east side of Beaver Creek coming in off of William Street but that is very limited.

RESTROOM FACILITIES – There will be plenty of porta potties in front of the school along Pennsylvania Avenue.

REGISTRATION – There is NO entry fee for the parade, however, all entries must register. All registration forms must be received no later than November 27, 2021 - No exceptions! Our committee has the right to refuse any entry if it is deemed not appropriate for a Christmas Parade. You will receive an email of acceptance into the parade within a week of us receiving your registration. You will receive a map and list of where you will be in the staging area by December 5.

You need to make sure that everyone in your “group” knows where to go. Say you sign up a group that has a vehicle with it – TELL THE DRIVER WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE STAGED. Once you know where you will be staging, send out an email or call **everyone involved with your group.**

NO RAIN OR SNOW DATE – Hope for good weather because there is NO rain or snow date. In the event of cancellation, you will receive an email or phone call. Please be sure to put down contact information on the registration form so someone can be reached on the morning of the parade or sooner.

CANCELLATION PROCEEDURE FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

A cancellation will happen only after the police, public works and Downtingtown Good Neighbor Christmas meet and determine that holding the parade would be unsafe for participants. It is a joint decision!

NO CANDY THROWING FROM VEHICLES or FLOATS – You may have people walk beside the vehicle or float and hand the candy out to the crowds. This is for safety reasons. Children run out into the street to retrieve the candy and have nearly been hit by the vehicles.

Questions! Contact Dianne Plaughter at 484-678-6835 or dtownchristmas@aol.com
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