

MAIN STREET MACON CHRISTMAS PARADE



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The Main Street Macon Christmas Parade will be held on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. We hope that you will consider participating in this Christmas tradition that attracts hundreds to Downtown Macon annually. This year's theme is "Macon Merry." Please complete the attached application and return it with your \$125 entry fee. Professional floats are available for rent and are \$600 for For-Profit organizations and \$400 for Non-Profits.

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm

Check-in: Terminal Station 200 Cherry St.

Check-in begins: 12:00 pm

Must be in line by: 2:00 pm

Theme: "Macon Merry"

Deadline for entries is November 17, 2017. The Parade Committee will notify you of your line-up number and staging area by Monday, November 27, 2017. Parade packets will be available for pick-up at the Terminal Station on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and festive Christmas Parade. If you have any questions please contact Emily Hopkins, Main Street Macon Manager at 478-803-2436 or EHopkins@maconbibb.us.

Thank you,

Emily Hopkins
Main Street Macon Manager

MAIN STREET MACON CHRISTMAS PARADE GUIDELINES

Parade entries are \$125. Professional floats may be rented from Kip Dingler for \$600 for For-Profit organizations and \$400 for Non-Profits. All checks are to be made payable to the **Urban Development Authority**. Please include **Reference Main Street Macon**. All checks should be mailed to:

Macon-Bibb County
C/o Economic and Community Development
200 Cherry Street, Suite 300
Macon, GA 31201

Self-made floats should submit drawings for approval by the Parade Committee no later than Monday, November 6, 2017.

Please **do not** have anyone dressed as Santa Claus.

Entrant will provide cars for dignitaries and "royalty".

Signage should be professionally printed.

If your unit, on parade day, is different or differs greatly from your application, your unit may be dismissed from the parade while still in the assembly area. No refund of registration fees will be given to the dismissed unit.

No candy, samples, political materials or other materials of any kind can be thrown or tossed from a Float or Specialty Unit while the parade is in route. Unit members walking near the crowd line may hand out items.

The Parade Committee will determine order of appearance to establish variety and best use of participants.

Individuals and organizations participating in the Christmas Parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times during the assembly, execution and dispersal of the parade.

Drivers of all vehicles in the Parade and those entering the parade line-up area must have a valid driver's license, have proper proof of insurance as required by state law, and be at least 18 years old.

Tow vehicles should be decorated to accent and compliment the unit.

The consumption of any alcoholic beverage by any participant is strictly prohibited. The police will strictly enforce all City, County and State statutes concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages before, during and after the Parade. If this policy is broken, the unit will be pulled and towed from the

parade, the operator is subject to arrest, and the unit will not be asked back by the Christmas Parade Committee. The Christmas Parade will not issue any refunds if your unit is removed from the parade route due to any issues concerning intoxication, and/or the possession of alcohol.

Marching Bands will be allowed 30 seconds to stop and perform. If your unit is not a Marching Band, continue moving forward through the entire route.

The Christmas Parade plans to proceed with the parade, rain or shine. We request that you make provisions for foul weather and we will not refund registration fees because of parade delay or cancellation due to inclement weather.

Parade Units must be in their assigned place by 2:00pm. Units that are not in place by 2:00pm will not be allowed to participate and will not receive a refund.

Horse/Equine Units

Coggins Requirement – Georgia law requires that all horses that come together for public display (i.e. parade) must have a current negative Coggins Test. (GA Administrative Code: 40-13-3-.06)

Proof of Negative Coggins Testing must be provided before parade day.

A test is not required for suckling foals accompanying a negative dam. All horses must either have diapers on or someone to follow them to clean up. You are responsible for cleaning up any hay or bedding in the staging area.

Canine Units

Rabies Vaccination Requirement – State law requires that any and all canines must have a current certification of rabies vaccination.

Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided on request.

Macon-Bibb County Ordinance – All dogs in a public place must be effectively restrained by chain or leash not exceeding eight (8) feet in length and any person having the custody or control of any dog shall have the responsibility for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner.

Car/Motorcycle Club

All vehicle entrants are required to be decorated for Christmas and play Christmas music when appropriate, including while in the staging area. There is a strict 15 vehicle limit per club.

By signing below, I agree to follow the guidelines of the Main Street Macon Christmas Parade as described above:

Signature of Person in Charge of Parade Unit

Date