

2018 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE GUIDELINES

DECEMBER 1, 2018

YOUR COOPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND FUN FILLED PARADE. WE PROVIDE THESE GUIDELINES AS SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. AS YOU KNOW IT IS **VERY DARK** BY THE TIME THE PARADE LINEUP IS UNDER WAY. PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AND ABIDE BY THEM.

***The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Entries should arrive at the line up no later than 5:00 p.m.**

*The **parade line up** area will be on Chase Creek Road beginning at the four-way stop. Each float will be facing south.

*UPON ARRIVAL TO THE PARADE LINE UP AREA, EACH UNIT SHOULD LINE UP **DIRECTLY BEHIND EACH OTHER.**

*It is recommended that walking units arrive at the parade line up area already as a group. We suggest that the group leader assemble their unit away from the lineup, this avoids additional traffic interference from float sponsors attempting to leave float participants off at the lineup area.

*It is also recommended that participants riding on floats also arrive at the line up area early, parents accompany their children to their float. This avoids additional traffic interference from vehicles attempting to leave individuals off at the line up area.

*Horses are to line up away from the floats and walking units. If possible, horse trailers should be left at a site away from the parade lineup area.

*The parade **route** will begin on the intersection of Chase Creek Road and Comb Street. The parade route will end at the American Legion Hall parking lot area.

OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM IS TRAFFIC SO PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTIONS:

Participants in each of the following categories are encouraged to take the following routes at the end of the parade and **PATIENTLY** wait for traffic to ease up prior to heading back home:

*(walking units; atv's etc.) should proceed towards Frisco Avenue;

*(vehicles with/without trailers) will be asked to cross the Riley St. Bridge towards Park Avenue, park and WAIT PATIENTLY in one of the empty lots in that area until traffic eases.

Upon arrival at the end of the parade route, please be patient until all parade entries have traveled the route. Let's try to prevent traffic jams or other dangerous situations. **Public Safety Personnel will be available to direct you to the proper exit.**

*Entries must clearly display identification number on both sides of the float so judges can easily identify each entry. Your ID# will be _____. (Any type of poster displaying your number will do.)

*Please, do not throw candy from your floats. This will encourage youngsters and adults as well to run onto the street. This is very dangerous at night!

*Car clubs; or entries that might provide special maneuvers should only be displayed at the judges stand.

*The judges stand will be located in front of Sacred Heart Parish. Upon arrival at the judges stand, please pause and wait for the signal to proceed.

*The parade may be recorded to assist the judges in their review. Winners will not be determined the same night as the parade. This will allow the judges plenty of time to discuss and score each float in a more accurate manner. Trophy winners will be notified by telephone and announced in the next available issue of the Copper Era.

*Judges consider the following when evaluating each entry:

USE OF LIGHTS* MUSIC* GROUP PARTICIPATION* USE OF
THEME*DESIGN*ORIGINALITY

*Due to the large crowds we expect to have throughout the parade route, please drive slowly.

*See attached map for parade route and line up area.

*All parade participants will be required to sign the Participant Agreement.