

2024 Homewood Christmas Parade

Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30pm

Thank you for your interest in this year's Homewood Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 pm. To provide fun for everyone and ensure the safety of those participating and attending this year's parade, please read and share the following information.

Parade Registration

- Parade is limited to **50 Entries**.
- Registration is online and can be completed by visiting: www.homewoodparks.com
- **Homewood Organizations & Business Entries**
 - Registration opens Monday, November 4, 2024
- **Non-Homewood Entries**
 - *IF SPACES REMAIN*, registration for non-Homewood entries will open online Monday, November 25, 2024.

Parade Guidelines and Rules

- Entries must observe all parade rules and regulations. *The parade staff reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to line-up, during line-up or any time during the parade if the entrant fails to meet parade rules or does not follow standards of reasonable public conduct and taste.*
- All parade entries shall be decorated in a manner that reflects the spirit of the Christmas holidays.
- All entries are asked to be in the theme of this year's parade: **"Walking in a Homewood Wonderland"**
- Since this is a night parade, all entries should be decorated in lights. (There's nothing more boring than watching an undecorated entry drive through the parade route.)
- No horses are permitted to participate in the parade. Dogs are allowed on floats and as a walking unit if they are leashed and under the complete control of an adult. Please come prepared to clean-up after your dog in the staging area and along the parade route.
- Please make sure any entry with children has an appropriate number of adult chaperones. A 1:10 ratio is a good rule to follow.
- Entries may throw candy or novelty items. Please throw items clear of the roadway for safety reasons. Please wait to throw items until you are in downtown Homewood on 18th Street.
- No entry may include a person dressed as or representing Santa Claus. The City of Homewood will provide the official Santa for the parade.
- All entries should be designed to be safe for all participants and spectators. In all phases of float design, try to keep the format as fun and as eye appealing as possible. Floats should be constructed and decorated so that both sides are equally appealing.
- Signs: Each entry should use signs or banners to identify (but not to advertise) its sponsor to spectators on both sides of the street. Banners/signs should be simple and recognizable but modest in relation to the size of each float. Basic simple signs work best. 6" to 8" lettering works best. Marching groups should have a single banner in front of their group to help identify their entry.

- Maximum Float Dimensions – Height 12', Width 10', Length 40' (Do not exceed 40')
- Approximately 5 days prior to the parade, all registered entries will be contacted by email and given their assigned line-up location, and logistic information.
- Non-parade vehicles are not permitted into the line-up areas. It is advised that groups should establish a meeting place outside of the line-up areas to meet and then walk to the assigned area.
- Entries will not pause and/or stop to perform at any location on the parade route. Walking entries may perform forward motion drills, dancing, etc. along the route.
- Alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on any person or participant. Evidence of these prohibited items in any way will result in removal from the parade and jeopardize the group's approval to participate in future events.
- The Homewood Christmas Parade is a family-friendly event for all ages, and every entry in the parade is expected to respect this. All costumes, outfits, behavior, attitude, language, and dance moves must be appropriate for a young audience. No entry shall intentionally scare, frighten, or intimidate other entries or attendees. Failure to comply may result in being asked to leave the parade immediately with no warning and may jeopardize a group's approval to participate in future parades. All decisions are at the discretion of parade officials and are final.
- By submitting the online registration for participation in the parade, all participants are deemed as having agreed to abide by the parade rules and direction of parade officials and first responders. The person completing the online registration for his/her group is responsible for sharing information with all participants in his/her group.

If you need more information or have questions, please call 205-332-6705 or email homewoodparks@gmail.com