

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARADE ENTRIES - 2011

IMPORTANT DATES & DETAILS

2011 Theme:	Christmas throughout the decades
Friday, November 18	Entry deadline
Wednesday, November 23	Line-up Numbers will be available on website.
Saturday, December 3	Parade Day !



- Line-up occurs between Town Hall and Magnolia Cres. along Livingston Ave.
- Road closes at 4 pm. All entries should be in place by 5 pm. Parade starts at 5:15 pm.
- Route starts at Town Hall and continues along Livingston Ave./Main St. E. to Ontario St.

PARADE ENTRY GUIDELINES:

1. No flyers, brochures or solicitation of any kind. This includes business cards, colouring books, advertisements, product samples etc.. We ask that you focus on entertainment of the children, and limit giveaways to wrapped candy.
2. Any vehicle entering the parade that is not pulling a float must be decorated or have special significance with parade theme in mind. Approval for non-decorated entries are at the committee's discretion.
3. Candy must be wrapped and handed to spectators. **PLEASE - ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF CANDY FROM A FLOAT.**
4. Participants must keep up to the float ahead of them and avoid large gaps (15' suggested gap)
5. No Santa Claus costumes or replica's can appear on any entry other than the Official Santa Claus float.
6. Marching units are encouraged to focus musical selections on Christmas or seasonal themes. Marching unit busses may not follow units in the parade.
7. No entry shall exceed 13'6" in height.
8. All participants on floats must stay within the confines of the float (participants should remain either on or off the float and avoid feet dangling over the edge).
9. Participants in the parade shall not consume, or give the impression of consuming alcoholic beverages. Participants are to ensure that all conduct is family appropriate .
10. No open flames are permitted of any kind (walking candles, lamps etc..)
11. Participants in the parade shall refrain from smoking.
12. Entries with pets or horses are responsible for IMMEDIATE clean-up of droppings (consider the Marching bands behind you).
13. Children **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by adults at all times. Individual entries are responsible for their own pick up and drop off arrangements of children.
14. The parade ends at Ontario St. but due to traffic safety and parade flow participants are not permitted to leave their float until they are off of Ontario St. **PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON ONTARIO ST - THIS BACKS THE ENTIRE PARADE UP.**

JUDGING

Each year judges are chosen to vote on the best float creations in the following categories:

1. Best Business / Commercial
2. Best School or Church
3. Best Non-Commercial / Non-profit
4. Biggest Crowd Pleaser



Awards for the categories are recognized in the local newspaper & a presentation of the winners will be made at Town Council in January. The three 'best' categories receive plaques to keep. The Biggest Crowd Pleaser winner hold the trophy for one year at their headquarters with their name plate added.

Judges look for appearance, originality, keeping to the theme, & enthusiasm of participants. Judging is completed by selected citizens. See our website for float building tips:

www.grimsbyparade.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes many, many volunteers to run the parade and we are always in need of additional assistance. Youth, adult and family volunteers are welcome.

We are currently seeking volunteers for:

- * Clowns and characters
- * Parade pacers
- * Traffic marshals
- * Hospitality assistance



Interested in getting involved on the committee?
We could really use your help ! The time commitment and tasks required are small - but your impact would be tremendous ! We meet approx every 3 weeks from September-December. Call 905-945-1288 to inquire.

