



2024 Lexington Christmas Parade – “Parade of Lights”
Friday, December 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All parade applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 29. A discount fee for Early Registration (on or before November 22) is available. See application.
2. For safety reasons, all instructions of both the parade marshals and the Lexington Police Department must be obeyed.
3. **REMEMBER:** All entries **MUST** make some effort to decorate to the 2024 parade theme: *Parade of Lights*. This includes vehicle entries such as antique cars or trucks.
4. Please indicate on the application if your group wants to be judged, if an appropriate category exists. Direct your performance accordingly. All performance groups and marching bands are limited to a two (2) minute timed stop. Stop to perform in front of Hess & Co. Jewelers (the building after the Gin Hotel). Those who don't adhere to the time limit will not be judged and will be asked to move on. It is important to keep the parade moving in a timely manner. Categories are *Best Band, Best Float, Best Vehicle, Best Performance, Best Equestrian, or Best Representation of the Theme*.
5. Here are the safety requirements for all floats that will carry children:
 - a. Floats with children 12 and under will be required to have supervision by an adult.
 - b. Floats with children 5-12 years of age need 1 adult for every 5 children.
 - c. Floats with children under the age of 5 need 1 adult for every 2 children.
6. **Stand and sit on elevated elements of your float at your own risk.**
7. **NO candy may be thrown from the floats.** Candy may be distributed by walkers.
8. Please work with your group for post-parade pickup! All entries must go to the end of the parade route before they let people on or off, disband, or get into other vehicles. No “on and off” is allowed during the parade, and all entries must remove their vehicle from Main Street before dismantling any decorations. **Do NOT attempt to loop your vehicle onto Jefferson Street while the parade is ongoing.**
9. Street parking for participant pickup is available along North Main Street (around Foster Stadium at VMI). For floats, we recommend that you turn onto Diamond Street and disembark by Lylburn Downing Middle School. You may also return to Maury River Middle School. Please see the online **Parade Route** map for details.
10. **THE SANTA ‘CLAUSE’:** It is very confusing to small children to see multiple Santa and Mrs. Clauses riding on floats. Our Santa rides on his float at the end of the parade. ***Please do not put Santa on your float, in the cab, or anywhere else.***
11. All animal groups are responsible for their own animal waste cleanup.
12. Information on lineup, parking, children drop-off and other parade preparations will be sent to you via email on Tuesday, December 3. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CONTAINS AN ACCURATE EMAIL ADDRESS.**
13. Inclement Weather Policy: In case of very inclement weather, the parade will be canceled. Look for announcements after 2:00 p.m. on December 6 on 3WZ 96.7 FM, mainstreetlexington.org, and the Main Street Lexington Facebook page. **The parade will only be canceled in the case of extreme weather!**

For more information, contact the Main Street Lexington office at info@mainstreetlexington.org or 540-319-4181.



2024 Lexington Christmas Parade Application
Friday, December 6, 2024
Parade Time: 6:00 p.m.

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

If you are a performing group, will you stop to be judged? _____ Number in your group _____

Check the type of parade entry: Marching Unit: Performance Unit: Type of performance: _____

Band: Float: Fire & Rescue: Walking Unit: Includes Animals Type/Number Animal(s) _____

Vehicle make and model: _____ Vehicle length for line-up spacing: _____

Please note that all entries will be limited to six (6) vehicles. If you wish to include more than six vehicles, please register for a second entry.

Please write a brief description of your organization and your entry for the parade announcer to read aloud:

FEES

Fees on or before 11/22/24: Regular Entry Fee \$25 Tax Exempt Non-Profit Organizations \$15

No fee for EMT, fire trucks, or marching bands

Late applications (11/23/24 – 11/29/24): Regular Entry Fee \$35 Tax Exempt Non-Profits \$25

All applications must be received in our office by **November 29**. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

Return your form to the Main Street Lexington Office at 101 South Main Street, Second Floor (above Wells Fargo Bank).

Or mail your application to Main Street Lexington, PO Box 295, Lexington, VA 24450

Contact us at info@mainstreetlexington.org or 540-319-4181 with any questions.

If there is inclement weather on parade day that would force the cancellation of the parade, there will be an announcement made after 2:00 p.m. on December 6 on 3WZ 96.7 and posted to the Main Street Lexington website (www.mainstreetlexington.org).

You can also check Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetLexington/>

I hereby release Main Street Lexington, the City of Lexington, and all other sponsoring organizations and individuals, the Commonwealth of VA and any and all of its departments, agencies, officers, or employees and all parade committee workers from any and all liability in any way arising from injury, loss, theft and damage to person and/or property that might be sustained or received in connection with said parade. I/we have read and understand and do agree with the above stated provisions. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this agency/event does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's disability.

If special accommodations are required for participation, please notify us during registration.

Signature _____