

Holidays in Paradise Parade

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Q. When & where is the Parade?

A. The Parade is on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at 11 AM. Parade staging is on Barbados Road between Florida Mango Rd & Clarke Rd. The parade will head down Barbados Rd, then turns south onto West Lake Dr., winding down to Mediterranean Rd, across the bridge, then makes a left to head north on Pine Tree Ln. The Parade ends at Pine Tree Ln and Forest Hill Blvd. Here all participants are welcome to go home. If your child is participating in the Parade, they should be driven back to Town Hall and picked up from Town Hall.

Q. What is the length or distance of the Parade?

A. The Parade is approximately 3 miles, which is a long parade, so we are very strict when we say **NO WALKERS**.

Q. How long does the parade last?

A. The Parade lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Q. Is there a parade Theme?

A. The Parade has no designated “theme”. We ask all participants to display or create around the Holiday Season, whether it’s Christmas, Hanukah, or something else. We ask that all entries be respectful to others. The Town reserves the right to disqualify any entry they believe to be inappropriate for the event.

Q. Is there an entry fee?

A. Yes. The entry fee is at least 1 new unwrapped toy per entry. If entering as a group, a donation per person would be greatly appreciated. All Toys go to Toys 4 Tots, Marines will be participating in the Parade.

Q. Can anyone enter in the Parade?

A. Yes. The Parade is open to all people, groups, organizations and businesses in Palm Beach County. The Parade is designed as a community & family event. However, the Town reserves the right to refuse an entry if it is determined unsuitable.

Q. Can I display my company sign?

A. Yes. Feel free to decorate your business or private vehicle.

Q. What is the deadline for filing an entry application for the Parade?

A. Emailed registrations must be sent no later than Friday November 30th by 12:00 PM. For day of Parade sign-ups, you must be registered by 9:00 AM Saturday December 1st.

Q. Who is this year's Grand Marshal?

A. TBD. The Town always selects an elected official to lead the Parade.

Q. Where are the Judges?

A. The Judges for the Parade will be at the Staging Area from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM, then they will be scattered around the Parade Route.

Q. Do I have to have a float to be in the Parade?

A. No. The Town invites everyone. You can participate on bikes, golf carts, cars, trucks, but NO WALKERS are permitted.

Q. Is there parking designated for the Parade entry participants?

A. The Parking Area for all antique cars, golf carts, & bikers will be at Town Hall, all floats will be lined up along Barbados, if you are participating on a float participation parking will be located at Emmanuel Baptist Church located on Florida Mango Rd & Barbados Rd.

Q. Where is the Staging Area for the Parade entries?

A. The Parade Staging Area for Antique Cars will be along Clarke Rd when directed to do so by a staff member. All additional entries will be lined up along Barbados Rd.

Q. When do we Line-Up for the Parade?

A. Line up will begin promptly at 10 AM, if you are not in line and checked in by 10 AM you may not receive a number for Judging.

Q. Where should I drop off and pick-up my children?

A. If your child is participating in the parade and you will not be joining with them, please make all drop-offs and pick-ups in the Parking Lot of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Please walk your child to the group supervisor. Never leave a child unattended without their group supervisor during the Parade.

Q. Can I add Music to my display?

A. YES! Music can add so much to a display. A live performance or choral music are great ideas, please keep in mind that walkers are not allowed.

Q. Can we have a Santa Claus in our entry?

A. No. The Town invites Santa to ride in the Lake Clarke Shores Police Department Boat at the end of the Parade. We kindly request no full "SANTAS", because, as you know there is only one after all.

Q. Will there be free water available?

A. Free water and other refreshments will be located at the staging area for Parade participants.

Q. What is the alcohol policy of the parade?

A. Alcohol is strictly prohibited. Several individuals will be driving and no alcohol consumption is allowed when operating a vehicle of any kind. To limit the potential for disastrous events we do NOT allow alcohol during the Town Parade.

Q. I registered for the parade. When can I expect to receive confirmation?

A. Confirmation of your participation will be sent (by email) within a few days from receiving your registration. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact, Eliza Hansen at 561-331-2796, or by email at ehansen@lakeclarke.org.

Q. Will there be bathrooms available?

A. Bathrooms will be located at the Staging Area of the Town Hall Complex.

Q. Can I hand out literature or candy, etc?

A. The Town does not allow WALKERS so the ability to hand out literature is difficult, we allow the tossing of candy but we do ask that you throw to spectators who are taking candy. A suggestion would be to staple a business card to mini bags of candy or to make small bag with a business card and an assortment of candies. We do ask that all CANDY tossed is purchased and wrapped/sealed, NO HOMEMADE candy is permitted.

Q. Is there a size limit on the floats we may enter?

A. The Parade does not limit floats but we suggest floats no longer than 20 ft. There are a few speed humps along the Parade route, so plan accordingly.

Q. How high are the traffic lights from the ground? How tall can the tallest part of the float be?

A. The Parade can accommodate floats and décor no taller than 12 feet high from ground/roadway to top of decoration.

Q. What type of vehicles are allowed in the parade?

A. The Parade allows all types of vehicles. Feel free to enter an antique car, classic car, new car, golf cart, truck, flat bed floats, business vehicle, scooters, motorcycle, bicycle or boat pulled by trailer.

Q. Can I include animals in my Parade entry?

A. We do welcome animals within the following parameters for the health and safety of participants. Animals must remain 100% supervised and contained by leash, cage, or rider/reigns at ALL TIMES. All parade entrees with animals must comply with Town Ordinances for poop disposable.

Q. How is placement in the Parade determined?

A. The Parade does have a protocol for placement. We try to place entrees in groups: Lead Motor Unit, Add'l Motor Units, Grand Marshal, Winner of Ron Weber Car Contest, Antique & Classic Cars, Add'l cars/trucks/vehicles, Golf Carts, Scooters, Bicycles, Floats, Fire Rescue Truck and SANTA!

Q. What happens if it rains?

A. The Parade will only be canceled due to heavy rains. If the event is canceled it will not be rescheduled.

Q. Can I sit in the street?

A. NO. There are entries of varying sizes. For safety reasons, you must stay on the curb or swale.

Q. Where can I see the Parade?

A. The Parade can be seen along the curb and swale of the entire length of the parade. If you live along the Parade route be neighborly and invite friends over to enjoy the Parade with you in your front yard.

Q. When will prize winners be announced?

A. The Winners will be called after the Parade. They will have the option to pick-up their Awards at the Tree Lighting later that evening at 7:30 PM or at the Town Council meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM.

Q. What are the Prize categories?

A. The Parade is divided into the following categories:

- Bicycle
- Boat
- Car/Convertible
- Float
- Golf Cart
- Group
- Performing Group (non-walking)
- Truck
- Miscellaneous

Winners are BEST OVERALL in Category entered

Q. What if I still have questions?

A. The Parade Director is Eliza Hansen, who can be reached at 561-331-2796 or via email at ehansen@lakeclarke.org.

Q. What if I have questions or problems the morning of the parade?

A. Contact the Parade Director Eliza Hansen, Events & Grants Administration who can be reached on her cellphone that day at 561-722-0217.

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IDEAS FOR DECORATING YOUR FLOAT AND FINDING INSPIRATION

- Build or borrow a float trailer (see sketches below) which will determine the size of your float. Floats have been built on trailers, jeeps, cars, even boats and barges. However, most floats are built on trailers that are 8 feet or less in width to allow for ease of travel to and from the parade route.
- Have a meeting with your float builders so that everyone can agree on a design. You can then split up the work: one group can be in charge of props or costumes that will be used on the float. Another group can be in charge of the lettering or signage that will be displayed on the float for your organization. Another group can be in charge of the frame-work used underneath the decorating materials. Building a float is a team effort, so make sure everyone understands their part in building the float.
- A great way to decide on a theme for your float is to start with the theme of the parade and use symbols associated with the theme. For example, if your parade has a Christmas theme, start with basic ideas of what Christmas is best associated with:
 - 1) Christmas trees, gifts, or faux fireplace
 - 2) Pick your favorite Holiday Movie
 - 3) Pick your favorite Holiday Book
 - 4) Colors of red, green, white (helps with choosing the colors of your float)
 - 5) Winter time/snow
 - 6) Family dinner (a table on the float portraying a family gathered at Dinner)
 - 7) Santa's workshop (Children can be dressed as elves)
 - 8) Make it a holiday candy land
 - 9) Create a huge dreidel or menorah
 - 10) Decorate with bows, garland, and holiday lights.

Get everyone involved who is building the floats' input on how the float should look. The best part of the parade is building it or decorating together!

