



Christmas On the Square

Holiday Parade of Lights Rules

Registration Deadline: November 27, 2020

PLEASE REVIEW ALL PARADE DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. A COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM CONFIRMS YOUR AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO ALL PARADE RULES AND SAFETY PROCEDURES.

Love the Harrisonville Square is excited to introduce the Christmas Light Parade to the annual Christmas on the Square event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 4 pm – 7 pm in the downtown district surrounding the Harrisonville Square.

If you are unfamiliar with a Christmas Light Parade, see this video as an example:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvG_gOBOrSc

Parade Details & Route:

- There is no fee to participate in the parade. We do ask that all participants make a donation (in any amount) to our non-profit organization Love the Harrisonville Square. This can be made in person during line up or in advance at <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1858666>.
- Parade participants will line up in the parking lot located on Wall Street (near the Cass County Public Library Harrisonville Branch and Log Cabin). Line up begins at 4:00 pm.
- The parade will begin promptly at 5:15 pm.
- The parade route will travel from the parking lot North on Wirt to Pearl, West on Pearl to Independence, South on Independence to Wall, then return to the parking lot to disband.

Parade Entry Requirements:

- All entries must include a lighted element of some kind (Christmas lights, battery operated lights, etc.) Entries should also keep to a family-friendly, holiday theme.
- Parade entries may not convey any message determined to be inappropriate for the event or obscene in nature. Parade organizers reserve the right to deny entrants accordingly.
- Candy or other items will not be allowed to be thrown or distributed by parade participants.
- Any entry that includes animals will be responsible for clean up of all animal waste associated with their entry. Clean up will not be provided by event organizers.
- Parade participants are strongly encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing.
- Parade participants will follow all additional guidelines set forth by the City of Harrisonville.

Harrisonville Parade Rules & Regulations

1. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow instructions from police and parade officials or be barred from the parade. The Harrisonville Police Department reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to or any time during the parade.
2. No Parade participant may throw candy or any other item to Parade spectators. **Any entry with participants throwing items will be removed from the Parade by the Parade applicant/director and/or the Harrisonville Police Dept. Walkers may hand items to spectators only. There will be no exceptions to this rule.**
3. Tractors, trucks and other tow vehicles must be clean, attractive and quiet running vehicles.
4. No entry will be allowed that conveys any obscene message.
5. **No one will get on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route.**
6. All entries having music or sound amplifying systems shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. If a unit is informed by the Police that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down or take other steps identified by the parade applicant/director or the Police.
7. Drivers of any and all vehicles in the parade areas must possess a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess all liability vehicle insurance. The driver will remain seated in the driver's seat for the duration of the parade. Entries (lawn mowers, mini bikes, mopeds, go-carts, etc.) with younger drivers require written approval by the Chief of Police at least 24 hours prior to the event.
8. All pets in the Parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them. Animals participating in the Parade must be kept under control. If you cannot control your animal or its presence presents any safety issue, please leave the Parade area with your animal rather than risk a problem.
9. Entries involving animals of any kind must provide their own clean-up, or "pooper scooper" immediately following their entry.
10. Participants on bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc. must wear a helmet and proper safety equipment.
11. Floats must have proper safety chains to connect the float to the tow vehicle.
12. Support vehicles for marching units will not be allowed in the parade.
13. All vehicular entries shall proceed at a safe and appropriate speed, shall maintain a safe distance from spectators and shall not weave from side to side.
14. Parade units that stop along the parade route due to a mechanical malfunction may be removed from the parade.
15. All participants, in consideration of participation in this event, agree to indemnify, hold harmless and release the City of Harrisonville, its agents and employees, from any and all liability for any injury or damage which may arise out of or in any way be connected with participation in the Parade.