



FORT MILL

Christmas In The South

2017 Christmas Parade

Now is the time to begin making your plans to be part of the 2017 holiday festivities. This year's themed parade "**Christmas In The South**," will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 11 am on Tom Hall Street.

The Grand Marshal will lead the parade beginning at Tom Hall and Unity Street and continue through historic downtown Fort Mill, exiting at Walter Elisha Park.

This year's theme embraces the traditions of the holidays in South Carolina. The more decorations you have on your unit, while keeping in the theme, makes you a perfect candidate for taking one of the coveted trophies! The Fort Mill Christmas Parade is becoming widely known for embracing the holidays with grand decorations and unique Christmas styles.

Each entry will be announced at the judges' stage on Main Street at the Band Stand. Channel 115 will be located on Main before the railroad filming the parade. When completing your application please complete the Channel 115 TV form so that the anchors will introduce you correctly.

Please be aware; no entry will be allowed to stop, or pause, during the parade.

Please call or e-mail with any questions or concerns that you may have! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 2!

Application deadline is **Wednesday, November 20th**. Placement in the parade is based upon application submission and type of entry.

Happy Holidays,

Caroline B. Hasty
Events & Media Coordinator
Town of Fort Mill
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 6th Professional Float Choice and Entries due by contacting Brown Simpson 803-547-2273.

ENTRY DEADLINE November 21st by 5 pm in Town Hall.

November 24th Entry Numbers and Line-Up placed on web site www.fortmillsc.gov

December 2nd Staging begins 9 am (please see map)

December 12th Parade Winners Announced at Town Council meeting



2017 Fort Mill Christmas Parade
“Christmas In The South” Christmas Parade
 Saturday, December 2nd at 11 am ~ **ENTRY DEADLINE: November 20**

Organization _____
 Contact Person _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone: Primary _____ Secondary _____
 e-mail: _____
 (Communication will be through e-mail unless otherwise noted)

ENTRY TYPE: Please complete all entry information... Each form represents ONE entry

- **Professional Floats:** (Floats are delivered and driven by Richie Float Company. Please call Brown Simpson for available rentals and information: 803-547-2273. Rentals must be ordered by **NOVEMBER 6**)
 - With Walking Group? YES NO
- **Self-Built Float:** (1 Float)
 - With Walking Group? YES NO
 - Make/Model of vehicle pulling float _____
 - Type of trailer used and overall length and full measurements of float and tow together
 _____ length _____ width _____
- **Motorized Unit:** (up to 2 motorized units per application)
 - Make/Model of vehicle(s) _____
 - With Walking Group? YES NO
- **Walking Unit:**
 - Type of Walking Group (stepping group, marching band, Church group) etc _____
- **WILL Music/Sound** be added? ____ yes ____ no.
 - If yes, in what way... singing, sound system, Please explain _____

**ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE: \$20 Non-profits and Family groups, \$35 Commercial/Businesses,
 No-charge for York County School Organizations**

Return this entry form, Unit Information and appropriate entry fee by **NOVEMBER 20th
 Mail to Christmas Parade PO Box 159, Fort Mill 29716, schools may email chasty@fortmillsc.gov**

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/we further agree to defend, and hold harmless the Town of Fort Mill, SC, The Fort Mill Christmas parade committee and its employees or agents against loss or expense, including attorney’s fees for loss or expense because of bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by any person or persons. It is further agreed that I/we, as participants, will provide proof of general liability and auto insurance for the parade entry naming the Town as an additional insured.

Participant further agrees to have received, read, understood, and will fully comply with all of the Town of Fort Mill parade Rules and Regulations.

Name of Organization

Organization Representative

City

Date

 Participant’s Signature

 Participant’s Parent or Guardian

Parade Rules & Regulations

Entries participating in this theme will be eligible for judging. It is very important to the success of the parade and the full enjoyment and safety of all participants and spectators that you know your responsibilities. Please review these guidelines with your participants.

1. Parade Units:



- a. STAGING begins at 9 am on Dec. 2 and ends at 10:30 am in assigned locations. No one will be accepted after 10:40 am.
- b. Please do not bring a Santa. We will provide Santa.
- c. **NO THROWING OF GUM, CANDY, AND/OR OTHER MATERIALS** from units.
- d. Walkers may **hand** out candy.
- e. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden
- f. No smoking on or around units
- g. All motorized units must be operated by a licensed driver with current auto insurance. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRESENT DRIVERS LICENSE AND INSURANCE AT STEP-OFF**
- h. NO sirens and/or air horns may be blown and "revving" of engines will not be allowed.
- i. **FLOATS:** Floats transporting children more than 30 inches from the ground must have side rails. Rails should measure a minimum of three feet from the floor of the unit.
- j. Participants are not allowed on or off of the parade unit once in motion

ATV's, dirt bikes, go-carts and four wheelers are NOT allowed.

2. All Parade Entries:

- a. A spacing of 30 feet between entries will be enforced.
- b. All performances must be in good taste. This is a family event, therefore routines and or expressions that are lewd, obscene are expressly prohibited and likewise actions portraying violent, abusive and/or offensive behavior are not permitted and will be grounds for removal.
- c. Adult 18 years or older must accompany children at all times.
- d. The signing applicant must have rules in their possession and be present at time of entry inspection.

3. Entry Numbers/Signage

- a. Entry # will be given in line up. **NO ON-DAY ENTRIES.**
- b. **Signage:** Participants are responsible for sign or placard stating the name of the entry and sponsor. Signs must be on the first vehicle on the LEFT front windshield or held by the person at the front on the LEFT.

4. CHANNEL 115-TV- News Show

- CHANNEL 115 will be filmed on Main Street at the Railroad tracks.

5. PARADE JUDGING

- *BEST IN THEME*
- *MOST CREATIVE*
- *BEST WALKING GROUP*
- *BEST CAR*
- *MOST HOLIDAY SPIRIT*



6. **No** On-Day Parade entrees.

7. **SAFETY IS FIRST!** We also reserve the right to remove any entry or participant from the parade when the actions of that entry, or its participants, present a danger to spectators or participants. Decisions of The Town of Fort Mill and Parade Committee are final.

The primary focus of the Parade is to provide a safe, enjoyable and quality parade in and on the streets of Downtown Fort Mill in celebration of the holidays. If at any time, leading up to or on parade day, the weather/street conditions are deemed unsafe, the parade will be cancelled and rescheduled, per the Town of Fort Mill. Please check the Town of Fort Mill website www.fortmillsc.gov for updates

Caroline B. Hasty 803-547-2116, parade day: 803-487-5413
e-mail at chasty@fortmillsc.gov

2017 Parade Unit Information

Please complete for our hosts to use on the parade. Use additional pages if necessary
Submit with your parade application

Entry Name: _____ Entry # _____

Representative: _____ Contact #: _____

1. Unit description:
2. Organization Leader:
3. Number of members in your organization:
4. When your organization was founded:
5. When your organization meets/number of hours it practices OR if business, hours of operation
6. Activities or service projects during the year:
7. Information about your unit: (How it was built, hours spent building it, special features, etc.)
8. Create your advertisement:

This form must be submitted with your application to be used as commentary for emcees. Submitting this form at a later date does not guarantee information will be presented to emcees.