



October 9, 2023

Dear Participant:

“Home for the Holidays” 33rd Annual Parade

The holiday season will soon be upon us. We are in the process of getting ready for the annual “Home for the Holidays Parade.” We invite you to participate again this year!

The Parade will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., the Saturday following Thanksgiving. To pre-register, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 814-938-7700x2 or by returning the enclosed registration form as soon as possible. **Deadline to enter is November 20, 2023.** There is no specific theme for this year’s parade.

We hope to hear from you and to see you at the Parade this year!

Sincerely,

Home for the Holidays Parade Committee

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Please note: Any prize money not claimed by October 31, 2023 will be placed in the Home for the Holidays fund for the following year’s parade.

Home for the Holidays Information Pack

PARADE DAY REGISTRATION: 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 25, 2023

PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.

- ❖ You will receive your lineup number on **PARADE DAY** at the **Punxsy Plaza parking lot by Uni-Mart**. You must check in.
- ❖ Santa Claus or any Santa Claus likenesses on your float **ARE PROHIBITED**. The sponsors will introduce Santa Claus on the sponsor's float at the end of the parade.
- ❖ If animals are part of your unit, you MUST make provision for cleaning up after them.
- ❖ **CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN.** Your group members can walk and hand out hard candy, but do not throw it. This is a safety issue we must all take seriously.
- ❖ The roads will be closed promptly at 5:15 P.M. – listen to WPXZ 104.1FM for details.
- ❖ YOU are responsible for the members of your parade group.
- ❖ Units/floats will line up at the UniMart/Punxsy Plaza parking lot.
- ❖ All units MUST be decorated for the holidays.
- ❖ Judging categories will be: Fire Truck, Float, Performer, Vehicle & Walking
- ❖ Categories will be judged on: Most Entertaining, Most Original, Best Lighting, Sound Quality, and Overall.
- ❖ Performance time in front of the judges should be no longer than 2 minutes in order to keep the parade moving.
- ❖ Awards for the winning entries will be announced and distributed following the fireworks in Barclay Square .
- ❖ You MUST fill out the description of the unit portion of the entry form so information will be available for the MCs and the judges.
- ❖ Please return the Unit Description Sheet to the Chamber of Commerce by **November 20, 2023.**

MAIL, FAX OR DROP YOUR FORM OFF:

Chamber of Commerce
102 West Mahoning Street
Punxsutawney, PA 15767
FAX: 814-938-4303

If you have any questions or have a special need for placement in the line-up (i.e. to keep fire trucks away from animals), call the Chamber at 938-7700 x2.

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UNIT DESCRIPTION FORM



Deadline to enter: November 20, 2023

(This form will be provided to the Emcees. Please fill out completely and accurately)

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Best time to call: _____

Please circle one:

Walking Unit

* *Float*

Vehicle

Fire Truck

Performer

Name of unit: _____ # of participants: _____

of years you have participated in the Parade: _____

Do you want your unit to be judged? Yes ____ No ____

Description of Unit/Organization (**Must be completed**):

* Floats can be no taller than 12 feet to fit under the trestle on West Mahoning Street.

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