

Annual Evening Christmas Parade

Sponsor: Paris Downtown Association
Date: First Sat in December
Time: Line up begins at 4:00 pm - Parade begins at 6:00 pm.
Entry Fee: \$40⁰⁰ per entry (Including all floats, vehicle and walking groups)

Divisions: Industry Church
 Commercial School
 Organization

Route: The parade will start North of the Lamar County Court House on their main parking lot. Line-up will begin at 4:00 p.m. the day of the parade. We will use this area to stage the entire event. Upon leaving the Lamar County Court House parking lot, the parade will proceed down 1st Street SW along the West side of the Plaza making a left onto Clarksville Street along the South Side of the Plaza. The route will continue on Clarksville Street to 12th Street SE, where it will turn left onto 12th Street SE, one block to Lamar Avenue. At Lamar Avenue, the parade will take a left onto Lamar Avenue and proceed to North Main Street at which point the parade will turn North (right) ending back at the Lamar County Court House parking lot.

GENERAL RULES

1. Entry forms and entry fee **MUST** be received by the Friday **BEFORE** the parade. Parade fee after that time will be \$45⁰⁰
2. Only licensed drivers are eligible to participate in the parade. A copy of the parade entry's driver's, license and insurance card must be attached to the entry form or the entry form will be denied!
3. There will be **ONLY ONE** Santa Claus allowed in the parade. Parade organizer will sponsor the float with Santa Claus. **NO** Santa's on any other parade entries will be allowed.

4. Due to city ordinance, **ABSOLUTLY NO ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN FROM PARADE ENTRIES.** This includes candy. However, Parade Participants are welcome to walk beside their parade entry and hand candy to the spectators along the parade route.
5. Each vehicle is required to have a 1,000 light minimum. This includes 1,000 lights on the float and 1,000 lights on the vehicle pulling the float! People walking, horses and any other un-motorized entry must be lit up as well!
6. **Vehicles not participating in the parade WILL NOT be allowed in the staging area. Please use the parking lot to the East of the Court House to park your vehicles.**
7. Floats should only enter the staging area when they are completely decorated and ready to line up.
 - a. Please use the Capital One parking lot for completing the float and loading people onto the float, and then enter the parade staging area. This helps with parking and parade line up.
8. All horse trailers should park on the Lamar County Court House parking lot to the west of the main lot. (This is a grassy, fenced-in area)
9. All parade entries will enter the Lamar County Court House parking lot and lineup for the parade around the parking lot within the designated area.
10. Parade line-up will begin at 4:00 pm. Your name along with your industry/business/organization/church/school
11. Judging will be held in the staging area prior to the parade start. Industry/business/organization/church/school name **MUST** be on both sides of the parade entry in order to be judged.
12. Participants will be judged on (a) Use of Christmas Lights (1-20 points); (b) Christmas Parade Theme and Use of Music (1-15 points); (c) Appearance (1-10 points); and (d) Originality (1-5 points). Extra points will be given by the Parade Judges for emphasis on use of Christmas Lights as part of your decorations.
13. A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED ON ALL FLOAT ENTRIES!
14. The parade entry winners will be announced on the Downtown Paris Texas Facebook and Instagram Pages the Sunday after the parade.