21st ANNUAL CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sponsored by: BANK INDEPENDENT

Parade Date: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Deadline for Application Submission: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

For any questions, please call Kate McCollister at (256) 389-2126.

Guidelines for Entry: NO ENTRY WILL BE ALLOWED IN PARADE WITHOUT A <u>PARADE ID CARD</u>. DEVIATION FROM ANY GUIDELINES BELOW MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM PARADE PARTICIPATION. ADVERTISING IS PERMITTED BUT NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING OR POLITICS OF ANY KIND. THE PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISMISS ANY ENTRY THAT IS: 1) DEEMED A SAFETY ISSUE OR HAZARDOUS TO ANY ENTRY PARTICIPANT OR SPECTATOR. 2) OFFENSIVE BY DESIGN OR DECORATION.

SANTA CLAUS OR MRS. CLAUS IMPERSONATORS PROHIBITED.

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY THE DEADLINE DATE ABOVE. ALL DRIVERS OF ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLE, ATV, ETC. MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE. RIDERS THAT ARE 18 YEARS AND OLDER ARE ALLOWED IN THE BACK OF A TRUCK BUT NOT ON TAILGATE. FOR SAFETY REASONS, A MINIMUM OF 2 WALKERS BESIDE EACH FLOAT IS REQUIRED. CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER ARE PROHIBITED FROM WALKING ALONGSIDE MOVING PARADE FLOATS OR VEHICLES. ONLY CHRISTMAS MUSIC IS ALLOWED (AND ENCOURAGED) IN PARADE. PLEASE DO NOT SOUND HORNS DURING PARADE. PETS PARTICIPATING IN PARADE MUST BE LEASHED AND SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. NO HORSES ALLOWED. NO SMOKING WHILE ON PARADE ROUTE. NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PARADE ROUTE. NO PARTICIPANTS ARE ALLOWED TO EXIT DURING PARADE UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY. ALL VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AND WALKERS MUST BE CHRISTMAS DECORATED.

ANYONE THROWING CANDY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONVENIENTLY THROW THE DISTANCE TO THE SIDEWALK WITHOUT HARMING THEMSELVES OR OTHERS.

ENTRIES MUST ONLY ENTER PARADE ROUTE FROM THE WEST END OF AVALON AVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF AVALON AVE AND JOHN R STREET. ANY OTHER ENTRY ATTEMPTS WILL LEAD TO REMOVAL FROM PARADE.

LINEUP WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M. ENTRIES MUST BE IN LINE NO LATER THAN 6:45 P.M. TO PARTICIPATE.

PLEASE CARPOOL AND HAVE A STAGING AREA FOR YOUR GROUP BEFORE LINING UP WITH PARADE.

FLOATS WILL BE JUDGED PRIOR TO PARADE BASED ON CREATIVITY, ORIGINALITY, CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PRESENTATION, AND ADHERENCE TO PARADE GUIEDLINES. JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.

1st \$500

2nd \$250

3rd \$100