

Orange City's Christmas Parade Rules and Guidelines

Parade Entry Fee: One unwrapped toy

Toys can be dropped off to City Hall prior to the parade (please see Danielle FitzPatrick). All donated toys will be delivered to the Sorosis Club for their Operation Santa program, which benefits Orange City children and families.

Day of Parade Info: The parade will begin at 5:00 pm on 17/92, beginning at French Ave. The drop off/check in area is located at E French Ave. Eastside parade staging will be at 17/92, east along Lansdowne Ave. Westside staging will be at 17/92, west along May Street. Please do not arrive with your group to this location before 4:30 pm as OCPD and Public Works will be working to close 17/92. If unsure of your line-up number City staff are present on the east side of French to assist and check you in. Parade line up numbers are written on stakes that line the sides of 17/92 as soon as the road is closed (road closure begins at 4:30 pm). The parade will end at the Fancy Fruit parking lot.

Below are the parade guidelines. If you have any other questions, please call 386-775-5410 or email dfitzpatrick@ourorangecity.com.

- Line-up begins at 4:30 pm on 17/92 at French Ave.
- The Parade route begins at French Ave and heads south to Ohio Ave. The parade route is slightly less than one mile in length. The parade ENDS at Fancy Fruit parking lot on Ohio Ave. You will not be permitted to continue south on 17/92.
- Check in with City staff and get your entry number before you line up. If you already know your lineup number you do not need to check in. Please make sure your lineup number is displayed on your float and visible to the judges.
- Floats should display the name of the Business, School or other sponsoring organization on both sides of the apron in letters clearly visible from 10 feet away.
- There is only one Santa and we have him reserved.
- The parade is in the evening (starts at 5pm), lights are recommended. Please keep the theme in mind when decorating.
- Live or recorded music is recommended and encouraged for all entries.
- Safety is our main concern, no carelessness with vehicles or any other parade entry. The use of handrails is required and if not present then participants must remain seated.
- Open container and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas before, during and after the parade is strictly prohibited.
- Animals must be on a lead/leash and under control at all times. There must be someone to clean any waste.
- Judges are located at the front of Dickinson Park (17/92 & E Graves Ave).

- Awards will be given out for best group, best overall, most spirit, best light display and most creative.
- Parade entries may **only** stop at judge's station for up to 20 seconds. Please do your best to maintain no more or no less than 10 feet between floats.
- Winners will be announced via Orange City social media. Winners will be recognized at the Council Meeting in January.

Please check back as the guidelines may be updated.