

# 2023 Port St. John Christmas Parade



Dear Neighbor,

This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 34th annual Port St. John Christmas parade. The parade will take place on December 16, 2023, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade route will be approximately 1.2 miles long and the estimated time will be 45 minutes for each float/group to travel the route. We are hoping for 85-100 participants. Please send your entry in early.

The theme of this year's parade will be "The Wonder Of Christmas Morning." Floats and decorations should be planned toward the theme. All entries will be judged and plaques awarded. Categories include Theme, Christmas Spirit, Creativity, Marching Musical and Marching Non-Musical

**NO FLOAT MAY FEATURE A LIVE SANTA CLAUS.** Young children don't understand why there are 40 Santas in a parade. We have Santa on his float at the end of parade.

**CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM THE FLOATS OR VEHICLES** for everyone's safety. Thrown candy ricochets and small children chase it blindly into the street where they might be hit by the next vehicle. If you want to hand out candy, please be sure to have walkers accompany your float.

The entry fee is \$30 for any entry which advertises a business. The fee does not go up if there are multiple businesses on the same entry. Non-profit community support groups and public schools are \$15, unless they display banners and logos for a business on their float or vehicle(s).

Call us to find out how to get your name on the parade shirts! Your business name will be added to all the Parade T-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$100.

If there are noise considerations for your entry, please let us know immediately. We will try to spread out the bands and musical participants if possible. If you have noise sensitive problems, (horses, monitoring devices, etc.), please let us know **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Our mailing/contact list is a year old now. We would appreciate you letting us know of any contact, address, email or phone changes. We will be sending updates to all organizations and clubs who send an entry.

Any questions, problems or needs should be directed to Amber Baum, [nero.amber96@yahoo.com](mailto:nero.amber96@yahoo.com), Randy Rodriguez at 321-633-7499 or [happenings1@bellsouth.net](mailto:happenings1@bellsouth.net), or Jeremy Higginbotham 321-576-2818 or [Jhigginbotham@orionconnectivity.com](mailto:Jhigginbotham@orionconnectivity.com). We're looking forward to seeing you again! - **AMBER, JEREMY AND RANDY**

## Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you having music? Y N Type of music: Band, Caroling Other \_\_\_\_\_

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

Do you have animals? Y N Type & number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of marchers (include moms, coaches, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Number and type of vehicles (include follow vehicles): \_\_\_\_\_

**Include or attach a description of your entry for the Parade Announcer.**

**Return to: HAPPENINGS, 4742 Brookhaven St., Port St. John, FL 32927**