

Christmas City Walkway of Lights Parade Criteria and Awards

Parade Unit Criteria

Floats should be freestanding, three-dimensional lighted displays.

Parade units must be well lit. The parade is at night, and we want all entries bright and festive.

Animation and Christmas music are highly desirable but not required.

Signage on the units or with the walking units should indicate the organization and should be easy to read.

You may include lighted business/corporate signage showcasing the sponsor.

The following safety measures are required:

- Handholds or other support for personnel standing on the float.
- Safety-type couplers for all towing connections.
- Carefully secure lug nuts on all wheels.
- Children must be supervised at all times by at least one adult.

Walkers are encouraged rather than people riding on the float.

Walkers should be lighted. For example: battery-pack lights, reflective gear, glow sticks, etc.

Santa closes the parade. No other units are allowed to have a live Santa.

Bands are encouraged to perform during the parade as long as it doesn't interfere with the flow/movement of the parade. In order to keep the flow of the parade going and reduce gaps, there is no stopping at the stage to perform. You will be introduced but please keep moving and performing as you move.

Parade units are required to close gaps between their parade unit and the preceding unit. Drivers must keep an eye on the vehicle in front of them and keep gaps closed after performances and stops.

For safety of the spectators, no gifts, literature, balloons, candy, or other material may be thrown along the parade route. Handing candy to the spectators is allowed. Please do not encourage spectators to leave their seats or enter the parade route for any reason.

Awards

Walkway of Lights Committee Award: The recipient of this award is selected by the Walkway of Lights Committee.

Mayor's Choice Award: The unit that receives this award is selected by the Mayor of the City of Marion.

Judge's Choice Award: This award is presented to the unit after selection by a panel of judges.