



**Parade Participant,**

Christmas..... in July you say???? Yes..... In fact, by registering before July 31<sup>st</sup>, one lucky winner will receive \$200 from the Walkway Committee to be used for your float or lights for your walkers. Merry Christmas..... in July!!! However, to ensure winners participate in the parade, prizes will be distributed at the parade.

We have made some GREAT changes for the 2019 Walkway of Lights Christmas Parade this year and we want to let you know!!! First, we have moved the parade to its original location.....

**Downtown Marion.** We will be closing off State Road 18 in both directions for 2 hours to host this event. Also planned for downtown Marion is for local businesses to have Christmas window displays, arts events, vendors, and much more. Details are currently in the making and will be announced throughout the rest of the year. You and your organization will want to be involved for this BIG event! Whether you have been a part of the parade in the past, or new to putting a unit in, we encourage you to get involved.... Early. There will be several recognitions of participants in the parade, and you have the chance to earn bragging rights.

Please find enclosed the entry form for the 2019 Walkway of Lights Christmas Parade. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00PM. The staging area will again be at the Grant County Family YMCA, and North Washington Street Bridge. We will be sending more information concerning the staging area at a later date.

Entry to the parade is FREE, however, we do ask that if you can please provide (1) one volunteer to help with staging and the parade route. We depend on volunteers to make the parade night successful.

In order to keep the flow of the parade going and to reduce gaps, there is no stopping at the stage to perform. You will be introduced but please keep moving and performing as you move.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Andy Davis or Rose Cadena in the Parks Department. Phone: 765.382.3761, email: [adavis@cityofmarion.in.gov](mailto:adavis@cityofmarion.in.gov) or [rcadena@cityofmarion.in.gov](mailto:rcadena@cityofmarion.in.gov).

Thank you,

***Walkway of Lights Parade Committee***



# Official Parade Registration Form

Parade Date: **Saturday, December 7, 2019**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER:** *Santa closes the parade. No other units are allowed to have a "Santa." Use your creativity to come up with a unit/float that's a special reflection of Christmas. All units, including walking groups, must be at least 80% lighted. You might consider using neon strips, reflective gear, battery operated lights, etc.*

**Please check one:** Float \_\_\_\_\_ Walking Group \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If "other" please briefly describe your entry: \_\_\_\_\_

If you're a walking unit, how many in group? \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE:** Float, Walking unit, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ ft. (bumper to bumper), please round off to the nearest foot.

*(This purpose is to determine how big of staging area your unit/group will need.) Please be as precise as possible.*

**MEDIA:** Please print a brief description of how you would like your unit or group announced at podium when you pass by or perform. \_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact info for VOLUNTEER: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your unit want to be included in judging? YES or NO *(please circle one)*

**Please complete and return to Marion Parks & Recreation by November 8, 2019.**

**Entries received after the due date will be placed at end of parade.**

**Mail registrations to: Marion Parks & Recreation 301 S. Branson Street, Marion, IN 46952**

**or email registrations to: [adavis@cityofmarion.in.gov](mailto:adavis@cityofmarion.in.gov)**