

# Grimsby Santa Claus Parade Entry information 2016

## ARRIVAL / LINE-UP INFORMATION:

- All entries are asked to enter Livingston Ave. from Casablanca Blvd, so that we can avoid vehicles turning around. NOTE - **ONLY VEHICLES IN THE PARADE WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE LINE-UP AREA.** This is due to safety reasons.
- The parade begins promptly at 5:15 pm - arrive early enough that you are in place and ready to go at 5:00 pm. Everyone must be in place and ready to move at 5:10 pm

Section	Time to Arrive	Road Area
A	4 - 4:15 pm	Town Hall to Roberts Rd.
B	4:15 - 4:30 pm	Roberts Rd to Chestnut Dr.
C	4:30 - 4:45 pm	Chestnut Dr. to Beech St.
D	4:45 - 5:00 pm	Beech St. to Aspen Dr.

## PARADE VEHICLES

- Please try to arrive at the times specified above, it makes the line-up go much smoother.
- When you arrive proceed slowly along Livingston Ave. and look for line-up marshals who can direct you to the proper section (look for safety vests).
- The line-up area takes time and patience. Please proceed slowly and if you are not sure where to go wait and ask for direction. *It is not possible turn entries around.*
- Once you are parked for line-up you can turn your engine off, however a driver **MUST** remain with the vehicle in case of emergency.
- It is very important that you know who you are following .. And it is not necessarily who is parked in front of you. If you don't know this information on the night of - please ask an orange vest.
- If you are travelling below the speed limit on open roads in order to reach the parade you should attach a slow-moving vehicle sign to the back of your entry.

## PARADE RIDERS / WALKERS / PARTICIPANTS

- If you have people meeting you at the parade, they **MUST** use side streets in the area for drop offs. You can also offer parents/parade participants the option of using Blessed Trinity Highschool parking lot for drop offs or 'park and walks'. The parking lot will be open from 4 - 5 pm. *Note - you will have to access Livingston Ave via Kerman Ave to use the BT parking lot.*
- The Peach King Centre parking lot is reserved for entries with animals, bands and Section A. **DO NOT** direct people to the Peach King Centre parking lot, they will not be able to get there after 4:00 pm.
- Although the road is closed, the line-up area is very busy, and has moving vehicles who are distracted. Please keep children, animals (and adults too) out of the vehicle pathways. We suggest that all walkers use the sidewalks to wait in line-up to avoid being on the road.
- You may use the Peach King Centre for washroom needs, first aid needs, brief warm ups and any other assistance. Children must be supervised at all times.

Turn over ...

## ON THE ROUTE:

- GO SLOW. Consider that there are 8 yr old children walking in the parade. Drive at the same speed that they can walk.
- Please do your best to avoid gaps in the parade and keep pace with the entries around you. Keep about 8 ft. between the entry in front of you. Be prepared for sudden stops and please drive down the centre of the road (go to the right of traffic islands).
- Please do not run sirens or sound horns continuously.
- The Judges RV and videotaping area is located just after the Royal Bank on the left hand side. Be sure to smile, wave and showing them your best side!
- Candy and treats must be handed to children and must be pre-wrapped.
- If you have animals (eg horses or dogs) you must also bring the means to scoop the poop.
- Flyers, handouts and other similar advertising is not permitted.
- Interact with the crowd as much as possible - it is fun and they LOVE it!
- Please make sure that you are familiar with the parade rules located on the entry form, and on the parade website. There is important information that each entry must know.
- **Entries cannot exceed a total height of 4.15 m (13 ft. 6 in.).** This must be observed due to the Downtown archway that you must go under.
- REMINDER - the parade is videotaped and pictures will be taken. If you do not want to be included in these, you should not participate.

### NOTE - IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:

- If an emergency occurs on the parade route the parade will stop immediately. If you are near an intersection that emergency services requires access to please move out of the intersection quickly and safely. The parade will continue once the emergency is addressed, unless the roadway is no longer accessible/safe. If unsure, stay put and await instruction.
- In the event of an emergency at a resident's home along the parade route the parade will be stopped in that section and volunteers/police will assist with access for emergency vehicles.
- If you encounter an emergency at the parade, call 9-1-1 (if appropriate) and notify a parade official or Town of Grimsby staff person. Ask for assistance from surrounding volunteers and/or police personnel to clear space for EMS and to keep people back.

## EXITING THE PARADE:

- The parade ends at Ontario St. **All entries must turn left off of Main St. onto Ontario St.**
- ONLY ROAD READY VEHICLES can continue straight on Ontario St.
- Entries with children on board, or that require dismantling before driving on open roads **MUST** turn down John St. and stop on Robinson St. This is a necessary safety measure, please plan accordingly. Once ready, you can proceed down Robinson and exit on Main St.
- Please instruct all parents and families to meet up with you on Robinson St. Do not allow anyone to exit from a moving float while on Ontario St. This is to ensure safety!
- If you have children in your entry - ensure that parents know where the pick up point is and who to contact if they cannot find you.
- If a child is separated from their parents - please direct them to Carnegie Hall (old library) where parade volunteers can assist.
- All roads reopen immediately once the parade passes through.

*Enjoy the parade and have a Merry Christmas !!*

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