



GILROY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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IMPORTANT Rules & Guidelines

The 2017 Gilroy Downtown Business Association Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting is Saturday, December 2, 2017, beginning at 5:30 pm. Following is a list of rules and guidelines that will ensure a safe and smooth parade for all involved. All participants MUST follow these rules and guidelines. If they are not followed, the entry will be removed from the parade line-up by Parade Officials stationed along the parade route. Thank you for cooperating.

1. **Patience is a Virtue.** There is a tremendous amount of traffic anticipated on the day of the Parade and Tree Lighting. Please allow enough time for your participants to park and arrive at registration. We suggest adding an extra 15 minutes to your scheduled meeting time.
2. **Entries.** *We are a Community organization committed to entertaining our community members.* We are limited to the number of entries our parade can accommodate. Therefore, get your applications in **EARLY**. When the parade is full we will NOT allow any additional entries.
3. **No Show.** Please notify the GDBA if you are unable to participate in the Parade as soon as you are able. *There are absolutely NO registration refunds due to inclement weather. No registration refunds will be awarded on the day of the Parade either.*
4. **Equestrian Units.** Any rider or handler showing inability to control their animal will be deemed unsafe by GPD or Parade Officials and will be removed from the Parade. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12 years with their animals. **Animal waste during the parade line-up and parade route MUST be removed immediately!**
5. **Float passengers.** Please do not bring your participants along when parking your parade entry. Have them join you after 4:00 PM.
6. **All hands and feet inside your entry.** Please remind your participants that they are not to hang over the sides of floats or vehicles.
7. **No Politics.** The advocating, opposing, depicting or endorsing of any political or social issues or persons *is not allowed in the Parade*. This includes, but is not limited to, signs banners, and audio.
8. **No Santa Costumes.** *There is only one Santa Claus in the Parade.* Santa hats are fine but leave your jolly red suit at the dry cleaner.
9. **No Alcoholic Beverages.** Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages allowed in the Parade or staging area.
10. **Keep the Noise Down.** Small children and animals will be at the Parade. Please be considerate of them. *No semi-truck horns, tire spinning, burn-outs, speed, or performance exhibitions will be allowed.* A violation of any of the above will mean automatic expulsion from the Parade by GPD or Parade Officials.
11. **This is your "Grandma's Parade."** This is a FAMILY event. Therefore, entries must not include any questionable signage, decorations or dance moves that may be offensive to any individual of any age. Please use good judgment!

**For more information or questions please contact Melanie Corona at 408.842.0005
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I, _____ (*representative of organization*), of
_____ (*organization*) have reviewed the GDBA 2017 Holiday
Parade and Tree Lighting Rules and agree to comply with them whole-heartedly. I
understand that should I/ my organization NOT follow the above rules, my entry/
organization may be removed from the 2016 Holiday Parade route at the discretion
of GPD and/ or the 2017 Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Officials.

Signature

Printed Name

Organization

Date