

65th Annual Hastings Christmas Parade



Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Hastings
Rotary



Parade Rules

NOTE: Check-in will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Bliss Mfg, 1004 E. State Street.

One person from each unit **MUST** check-in to let us know that you have arrived and to receive your position in the parade line-up.

Please read this instruction sheet completely and contact Tracy Baker at (269) 217-2078 for further clarification, if needed.

RULES:

- Be at Bliss Mfg., 1004 E. State Street for check-in between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Once given your assigned location and starting point, line up and stay with your group until the parade has been completed. (Please stay in order as floats are announced by WBCH)
- You must be ready to start at the appointed time for the start of the parade.
- There will be no stopping during the parade for any performance of any kind.
- You must travel the entire parade route from beginning to end. Do not disburse until you have reached the end of the designated parade route.
- If you are a driver and the vehicle suffers mechanical failure, get your vehicle to the side of the street as quickly as possible. Attempt repairs on the shoulder of the street, and if possible, attempt to rejoin the parade at a safe point. Make sure that the on-coming parade participants are aware that you are attempting to rejoin the parade.
- If you are a driver, be aware of your passengers, other parade participants, and parade observers. Watch closely for children on foot! Instruct your passengers to expect sudden stops, even at slow speeds. Drivers are solely responsible for the safety of their passengers before, during, and immediately following the end of the parade.
- Parade speed limit is 3 miles an hour
- If walkers cannot keep up with the parade pace, they will need to move to the side so that parade vehicles can maintain the parade speed.
- Parade spacing needs to be maintained throughout the parade (25-foot gap between entries)
- If candy or other items are to be distributed, parade walkers walking along the edge of the parade are the only allowable method to distribute such materials. **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IS TO BE THROWN TO ANY PARADE OBSERVERS AT ANY TIME DURING THE PARADE FROM MOVING VEHICLES. VIOLATORS WILL BE ORDERED TO LEAVE THE PARADE AND MAY BE CITED FOR LITTERING OR THROWING OBJECTS FROM A MOVING VEHICLE.**
- **All entries must be clearly identifiable.** Entries **MUST** include a banner or sign on the driver's side of their entry to identify them. This is to assist the radio announcers and parade judges to identify the entries as they pass.
- No open flames.
- **No SANTA entries in the parade please!!** We have made arrangements to have a Santa float in the parade.

These rules are designed to assure the safety of both parade participants and parade observers. Your participation as a driver or participant in this parade indicates that you have read and agree to abide by these rules.

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Corporate Sponsor:



Hosted by the Hastings Rotary Club

Name of Parade

Entry/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

***Email:** _____

*you will receive participation confirmation from Hastings Rotary Club prior to parade date

Type of Entry (Select One):

Band Walking Animal Float Vehicle Other: _____

Space Requirement: Entry requires _____ feet during the parade route and line-up.

Will you be using a sound system? Yes No

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I, _____ agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Holiday Parade Committee and Hastings Rotary Club from any claim, demand, suit, loss, cost of expense or any damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Holiday Parade Committee and Hastings Rotary Club by any reason of any damage to property, personal injury or death arising out of or incidental to or in any way connected with the performance of this parade, and regardless of which claim, demand, damage, loss, cost of expense is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Holiday Parade Committee and Hastings Rotary Club, or by third parties, or by the agents, servants, employees or factors of any of them. **Throwing candy or any other objects is strictly prohibited**, and I agree to these terms.

I HAVE READ THE APPLICATION FORM AND THE ATTACHED RULES AND I AGREE TO ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF MY UNIT.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY NOVEMBER 24th TO:

By mail: **Hastings Rotary Christmas Parade Committee**
P.O. Box 365
Hastings, MI 49058

By email: jingleandmingleparade@outlook.com

Questions: Call Tracy Baker (269) 217-2078