



Albemarle Christmas Parade  
Hosted by Albemarle Downtown Development Corp.

**DATE AND TIME OF PARADE**

Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE

**PARADE ROUTE**

Parade will begin on First Street in Albemarle in the block south of the YMCA Park and will travel south through the Downtown area. Parade will make a left turn onto South Street and travel for one (1) block. Parade will make another left turn onto Second Street and continue traveling north returning to Charles Cannon Memorial Park.

**PARADE LINEUP AND FORMATION FOR ENTRIES**

Line up will form in the vicinity of the YMCA. Entries will be given a number corresponding with their place in the lineup on parade day. All entries MUST be in place by 4:30

**SANTA**

There will be only one Santa in the parade. Santa will be provided by the Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation.

**ENTRIES**

Vehicles are **NOT** provided by Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation. All vehicles and floats **must** be decorated in a Christmas theme and are encouraged to be lighted with Christmas lights. This includes floats, support vehicles, fire trucks, cars, golf carts, etc. Lights may be run along sides of floats as well as any props on the float.

**RENTAL PRICE FOR PROFESSIONALLY BUILT FLOATS \$525.00 (includes \$75 entry fee)**

Checks should be made payable to the ADDC/Albemarle Christmas Parade and **must be paid by November 27, 2015.** If you desire to view pictures of available floats and personally select your float, please come by our office at 144 North Second Street to view pictures; otherwise, we will allow the float company to assign your float.

## **HORSES**

Horses **must** be diapered.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENTS/EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Mechanical sirens will be allowed **ONLY at intersections** as long as the volume is controlled in a manner that would not cause hearing damage. Electronic sirens and horns which are mounted in/on the bumper of the apparatus are not permitted. **NO air horns are to be blown.** Please protect the hearing of those attending the parade by honoring the siren/air horn rules.

## **PARADE DRIVERS**

All drivers must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years old. Professional floats rented through Albemarle Downtown Development Corp. will be driven / pulled by the float company's driver.

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Each individual, group, or company that enters an automobile, float, or vehicle of any kind shall provide their own liability insurance coverage that covers damages to individuals riding in or on their vehicle or float and any damage to parade spectators.

## **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**

All entrants agree to indemnify Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation holding them harmless with respect to all defenses that they shall be required to make in connection with any claim or action arising out of the participants' involvement with the parade.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS ON PARADE DAY**

No candy or other items are to be thrown or distributed from any float or vehicle. **Absolutely nothing can be thrown from vehicles or floats.** Those desiring to distribute items must have adequate personnel (at least two, i.e. one on each side) walking with entrant to "hand" items to spectators individually. Anyone seen throwing items will not be allowed to participate in future parades.

## **WALKING / MARCHING UNITS**

All walking / marching units must continue moving forward and must maintain a forward motion, (i.e. no stopping to perform).

## **SPEED OF THE PARADE**

The speed has been set at 5 miles per hour or 120 beats per minute. Maintain a minimum distance of 40 feet between each entrant, but do not allow gaps to occur.

## **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES**

Any entrant who fails to comply with any rule stated herein or instruction given by parade officials on parade day will be disqualified for prize competition and may be barred from this parade and future parades.