



**Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Theme: Parade of Music**

**\*\* Please note that there is only one Santa and Mrs. Claus, and they will be on the fire truck. \*\***

You are invited to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mesquite Parade of Lights Canned Food Drive! This year's theme is *Parade of Music*. You may play a favorite Christmas song or portray it without sound on your float. All floats are required to be decorated with some sort of Christmas lights and decor.

**Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019 at Noon. A non-refundable entry fee into the parade is 15 lbs. of food and is payable at time of application or at the mandatory meeting on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Mesquite Senior Center, 110 W. Old Mill Road. When you pay your fee, you will be given a coupon that you must give to organizers at the staging area.**

The staging area for the parade will be at the LDS Church Parking Lot, 100 N Arrowhead Lane. Lineup is first come, first served, with the exception of floats involving live animals. If you plan to use live animals, please advise organizers so preparations can be made.

**All participants must be ready to depart at 5:15 p.m. Please be early.** All entries must be lighted, must have an assigned number (given at staging area) and must finish the parade route. Those not complying are subject to disqualification. If your number is not visible, your entry will not be eligible for judging in the contest.

- No floats pertaining to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, political references or societal issues will be allowed. No weapons, real or fake, are allowed as part of a prop.
- Entries with animals should be staged at the beginning of the parade lineup and must provide their own cleanup along the parade route. Animals must always have a chaperone or assistant to ensure a smooth event.
- **Nothing may be thrown from your float. You may have representatives walk along the parade route to hand the items (candy, promotional items and coupons) to spectators along the parade route. Plan for over 400 pieces.**
- Music and sound devices are permitted but may not interfere with other participants. More information on this will be provided at the mandatory meeting.

The City reserves the right to refuse entrants that may detract from the dignity of this event or to stop and remove an entrant from the parade for not obeying rules (throwing candy, etc.).

It is highly recommended each participant brings water to drink for before and during the parade and dress appropriately to withstand potentially cold temperatures throughout the evening.

**Judging for Best Lights, Best Group Participation, Best Theme, Mayor's Choice and People's Choice will be done along the parade route. There will also be an award for the Most Canned Food Collected. All winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Dec. 12, 2019 at 6 p.m. RSVP for the dinner by Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. There may be awards for three places in each category, if more than 30 entries are received. All results and photos will also be posted after the dinner to our Facebook page and website.**

<https://mesquiteparades.wixsite.com/parade>

<https://www.facebook.com/mesquiteparadeoflights>