

**Visit Downtown Merchants
for Early Shopping Specials
on Parade Day!**

As we must pay for using the parade route, using Legion Field, and closing roads and the square, we unfortunately will not be able to donate all of the entry fees to charity as we have done in the past. However, all proceeds above our expenses will go to local charities.

Liability Waiver that will be electronically signed on the online application:

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants, spectators by execution of the entry form release the City of Covington, Covington Lions Club, and their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and anyone else connected with the Christmas Parade from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all the foregoing entities, firms, persons and bodies of any and all labeled, occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participants assisting or cooperating with entrant and under the control of entrant. Each entrant also consents to the use of his/her likeness for any promotional use in perpetuity by the Christmas Parade sponsors or other media organization.

**After registering online we will email
you a confirmation number and the
address to send your \$20 entrance fee.
Thank you for your support!**

Rules and Regulations

To ensure a safe and successful parade, all participants must adhere to the following:

- 1) No one will be allowed to drive a vehicle in the parade without a valid Georgia Driver's License and must be over the age of 18. No tractor-trailers allowed.
- 2) All children riding on floats and vehicles must be accompanied by a minimum of two adults.
- 3) There is no official theme for this year's parade – be creative and think of Christmas.
- 4) Participants who act inappropriately or use language or music that is deemed offensive by the organizers (Covington Lions Club) will be removed from the parade.
- 5) All entries must be lined up and in position as directed by the organizers no later than 9:30 am.
NOTE: Entries wishing to be judged must indicate this on their online application and must be ready by 8:30 am. Parade begins at 10:00 am.
- 6) **ONE** decorated float with a total maximum length of 40 feet (i.e. truck plus trailer) is allowed per entry.
- 7) Candy **cannot** be thrown from floats. Walkers through the parade route can pass candy or favors. Be Careful! No getting on and off floats through the parade.
- 8) Drivers of all vehicles will adhere to parade organizers' instructions at all times and will follow the directions of the parade route, maintaining a distance of 30 feet between vehicles.
- 9) Participants are to have an easily read banner with the group's name on the right side of the vehicle. A parade number will be issued at lineup.
- 10) All animals must be on a leash or rein at all times. Horses must wear diaper/bun bags or have a walker to clean up after them.
- 11) There is to be only **one** Santa in the parade. He is the guest of the Covington Lions Club.
- 12) Distribution of handbills, pamphlets, and other literature is prohibited. This is a litter free event.

Participants failing to adhere to these rules may be removed from the parade.

**2017
Covington Lions Club
Christmas Parade**



There is no official theme for this year's parade, so be creative and help us to celebrate the Christmas Season in Covington!

**Saturday, December 2, 2017
10:00 am**

*Hosted by
Covington Lions Club
With support from
Main Street Covington*

No paper applications available
Online Registration ONLY at
www.covingtonlions.org
Email
covingtonlionsparade@gmail.com

**Churches, Businesses, Dance
Troupes, Civic Groups,
Marching Bands, Scouts,
Families, Sports Teams,
Equestrians and Others**

**Join us for this year's
Covington Lions Club
Christmas Parade!**

Parade Judging and Awards

****Please note that only entrants who check
"Yes" for the judging question on the online
entry form will be judged**

Best All-Around Entry Plaque will be awarded
to the best float based on holiday spirit,
creativity, and construction.

1st and 2nd Place Ribbons will be awarded in
the following Categories:

- Schools
- Scouts
- Churches
- Civic Groups
- Businesses

Horse Awards will be: Best Rider Costume,
Best Horse Costume, Most Holiday Spirit, and
Judge's Choice.



CHANGES & REMINDERS:

- **\$20 Entry fee – after expenses remaining
proceeds will be given to local Newton
county charities.**
- **Entrants CANNOT throw candy – all
candy/favors MUST be handed to
spectators.**
- **100 Entrant limit**
- **Entries will be cut off when the 100
entrant limit is reached
OR November 17, 2017 – whichever
comes first!**
- **Start time – 10:00 am**
- **First in-First out lineup**
- **Online registration only – no paper
applications available or accepted**
- **Horses must have diapers/bun bags or a
walker with clean-up tools**

**Apply online at
www.covingtongalions.org**

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Procedures

- **To be judged entries must be lined up and
ready by 8:30 am**
- **All entries must be in the lineup by 9:30
am**
- **Parade begins at 10:00 am**
- **Lineup is on Newton Drive – enter only
from Mill Street**
- **Parade Route moves west on Newton
Drive, left on Anderson St., right on
Floyd/Clark through the square, left on
Lee St., left on Washington/College, right
on Church St., left on Conyers St., left on
Mill back to Newton Dr. Follow all Police
or Lions Club members directions
regarding traffic flow and road closings**
- **All entries in the parade must be
decorated in the spirit of the parade (i.e.
more than just a wreath hanging on the
front)**
- **There is no specific theme for this year's
parade**
- **Legion Field will be available for final float
assembly and will be used for horse
staging**
- **NO throwing candy – this will be strictly
enforced and may result in dismissal
from parade and/or restrictions from
future parades**
- **Lineup will be based on arrival – SAFETY
of all participants and viewers is of
primary importance so traffic in the
parade area will be closely regulated and
at the discretion of Lions Club members
and the Police officers and Sheriff's
deputies**