



Sylva's Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 1, 2024 3:00 p.m.

“Memories of Christmas Past”

PLEASE READ ALL GUIDELINES BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR APPLICATION.

~ SOME RULES HAVE CHANGED ~

Thank you for your application and participation in this year's Christmas Parade!

The parade is on Sunday, December 1, 2024, and will start from the Sylva Fire Department at 3:00 p.m.
The lineup will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Every entry will be required to be decorated in holiday fashion. We highly recommend decorating according to this year's theme: **Memories of Christmas Past**, with *McGuire Dentistry as Grand Marshall Family*.

A prize will be awarded this year based on the theme. Floats will be judged during the parade.

Parade Entry Requirements/Rules:

- **No full-size tractor trailers more than 35' in length**
- Groups may have **NO MORE than 5 vehicles**
- Any **ATVs** must be street legal and include tag and insurance.
- All traffic laws must be followed including motorcyclists wearing proper helmets.
- **Group entries** (*more than one vehicle/person*) need to arrive in the check-in together or otherwise may not be in the parade together. **Please plan your meeting location ahead of time.**
- **No sirens or loud horns**
- **No animals**
- **No open flames**
- **DO NOT throw candy** – Please hand to the spectators for safety
- Stay close to the group in front of you to **prevent gaps**
- **No-one dressed as Santa Claus** - *Anyone dressed as Santa Claus will be asked to remove the costume. Santa will ride in the last float. If you have questions regarding the “Santa” float, please contact the Main Street Sylva Association.*

Parade Route: All vehicles/floats that are in the parade will need to enter the parade line up by coming down Hospital Road to Chipper Curve Road. (Hospital Road runs down behind the EMS station.) If you are coming from Skyland Drive at McDonalds, you will need to turn right on Scotts Creek Road and take a left at Hospital Road and then turn left onto Skyland Drive. If you are dropping people off to be in the parade you will need to enter on Harold Street. Harold Street is located beside Appalachian Funeral Home. We will be lining up on Chipper Curve Road. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND DIRECTIONS OF THE STAFF.

Check-In/Unload Instructions: NEW FOR 2024—PLEASE READ

Entries that are a group of individuals are required to assemble the entire group prior to check-in time and report to the check-in area as one complete, entire group. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Group entries (*more than one vehicle/person*) need to arrive in the check-in together or otherwise may not be in the parade together.

Parking & Check In:

Please carpool as much as possible since space is limited. Walkers and children’s groups should **drop off children on Harold Street before it closes at 2:30 pm**. Vehicles dropping off must turn RIGHT on Chipper Curve from Harold Street to exit. One lane of traffic along Chipper Curve will remain open. **Carpool Meeting Location Recommendations:** SavMor Parking Lot, Food Lion Parking Lot, Appalachian Funeral Services Parking Lot. **Please drop off children as quickly and safely as possible. No vehicles shall be left unattended.**

- No parking on Harold Street.
- No one will be able to enter the parade at the Fire Department. This includes people who are walking and being dropped off.
- Fill up your car with gas before lining up.
- Be prepared to start moving at 2:50 and listen for the fire department siren to start.

PARADE END:

The Parade Ends at MARK WATSON PARK. Floats and vehicles end at Mark Watson Park. Please make sure no one gets off the float before then. Do not drop anyone off at the fountain below the Historic Courthouse/ Public Library Complex – KEEP MOVING. Walkers will need to use your own discretion. Please make sure whoever is picking you up is aware of where you will be waiting. All group members should be aware of drop-off and pick-up points. Vehicles should be parked at Bridge Park or Mark Watson to pick up the walkers and those riding on a float.

If you do not need to drop off at Mark Watson, you can proceed past the park towards Dillsboro/441 or Make a Right Hand Turn on Dillsboro Road heading toward Grindstaff Cove Road/74.

	<u>Until Nov. 20</u>	<u>Nov. 21-27</u>
FEES:		
One float or vehicle (may include walkers)	\$25	\$30
Each additional vehicle per float/vehicle entry	\$5	\$10
Walking groups (with no vehicle)	\$10	\$15

**Convenience fees will apply for paying with credit card*

Applications and parade fee must be turned in to the Town of Sylva by **November 27, 2024**. Applications will not be accepted during line up the day of the parade. *Note: Money will NOT be refunded in the event of inclement weather.*

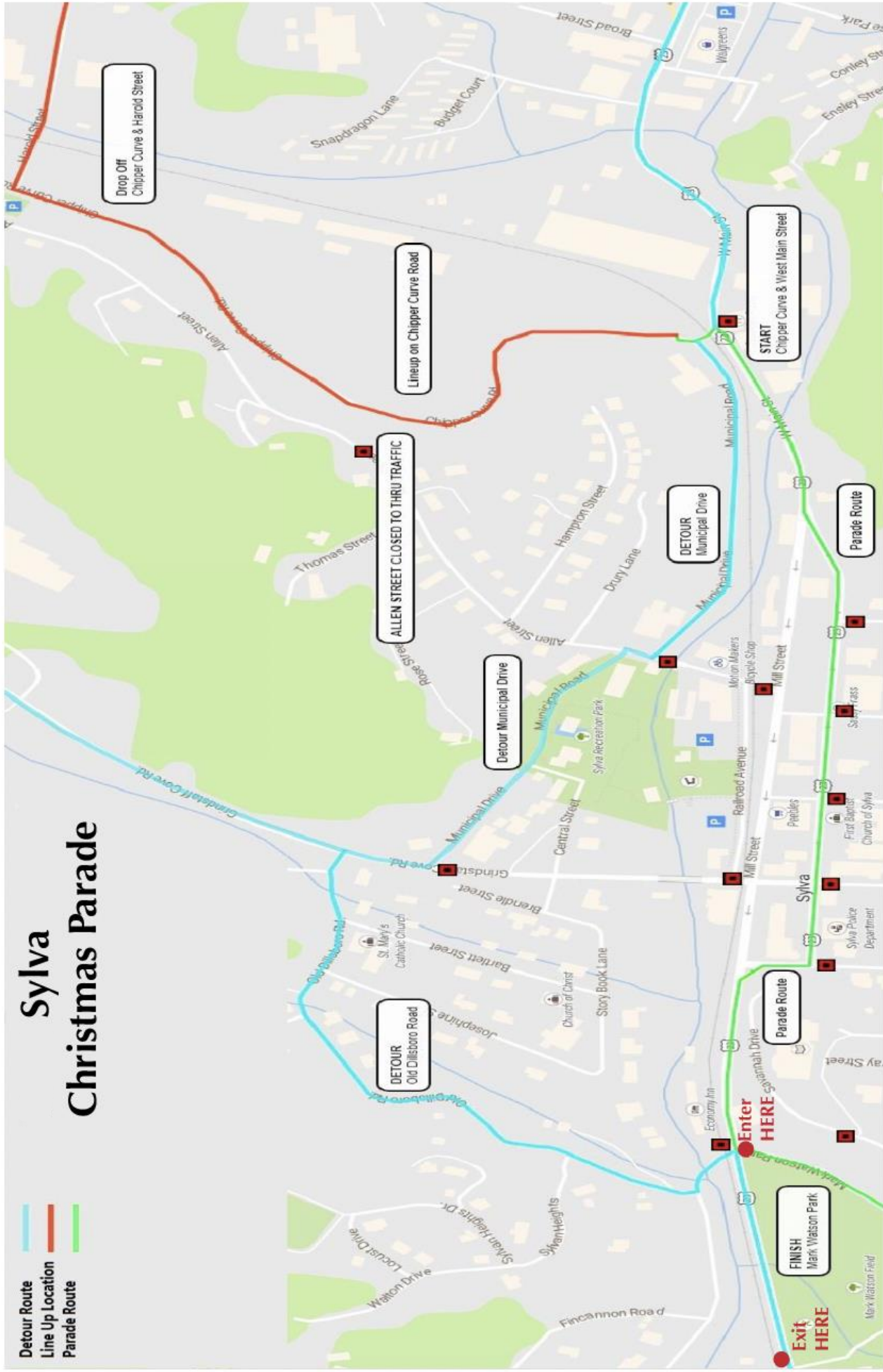
Checks should be made payable to the “Town of Sylva”.

To pay online, visit <https://townofsylvanc.us/#/>. Be sure to choose “Parades” in type the dropdown menu and complete the form.

Thank you for your interest in this year’s Christmas Parade! We look forward to seeing you on December 1st!

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- Detour Route
- Line Up Location
- Parade Route



Drop Off
Chipper Curve & Haroid Street

Lineup on Chipper Curve Road

ALLEN STREET CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC

Detour Municipal Drive

DETOUR
Municipal Drive

START
Chipper Curve & West Main Street

Parade Route

DETOUR
Old Dilisboro Road

Parade Route

Enter
HERE

FINISH
Mark Watson Park

Exit
HERE

ATTACH THIS PAGE ONLY WITH PAYMENT

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Organization/ Business Name: _____

Number of walkers: _____ Number of vehicles: _____

Location the group will assemble BEFORE the Parade: _____

Location Children will be picked up AFTER the Parade: _____

Float (circle one): Yes/ No

We encourage floats to play Christmas music. Will your float be playing music? Please circle one: Yes/ No

Please describe your entry including vehicle make, model, and size. For walkers, indicate the number above and describe what they will be doing (i.e. dancing, playing music, group walking with a banner).

The parade committee has the right to deny participation in the Sylva Christmas Parade. Barring further notice from the parade committee, your application and entry fee will serve as your acceptance into the parade. By signing this form, you are releasing Jackson County, the Town of Sylva, the Main Street Sylva Association, and others directly responsible for this event from ANY and ALL liability as a result of your participation. Please sign and send with payment to: Town of Sylva, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, NC 28779. OR If Paying Online, please email to events@townofsylva.org.

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone Available on Parade Day: _____

Contact Address: _____

Email: _____

Signing here indicates that you have read the instructions provided above and will abide by them.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Office use only:

Date Received: _____

Payment: Cash Amount: _____ Check # _____ Credit Card Online Payment

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