

Colchester Parks and Recreation Holiday Light Parade

Thank you for joining us this year to celebrate First Annual Holiday Homecoming Light Parade. Your participation and enthusiasm are what will make the Light Parade a successful event. This year's parade will be Saturday, December 3, 2022, starting at 4:30 p.m. *Rain/Snow Date: Sunday Dec 4 with a start time of 4:00 p.m.*

Float Requirements

Maximum Float Height is 12 '. All Floats/Participants are to display some type of lighting. Please do not throw candy or items to spectators. All floats should start arriving between 3:30 p.m. to 4:00p.m. and stop to check-in with Parade personnel. From there you will be advised of where to proceed for staging.

All floats driven or towed by a vehicle must submit a copy of the vehicle's insurance card. Please email a copy to parksandrec@colchesterct.gov. Vehicles without proper insurance cards will not be allowed to participate in the Light Parade.

Walking Groups

Groups and organizations may walk rather than use a float. Please remember that you are responsible for supervising any children that are walking. Please do not throw candy or items to spectators.

Voting by Spectators

As an added measure for Covid precautions, there will not be a judges stand to avoid crowding. Voting will take place electronically with more information to come. If you'd like your float to be judged by the spectators, please email your request to parksandrec@colchesterct.gov by November 27, 2022. You will receive an ID number to display on both sides of your float. If you are walking, your group can carry a sign with their ID number.

Parade Route

The parade will start at WJJMS, follow Norwich Ave. to the Town Green. Hayward Ave. will be closed to all vehicle traffic (except the floats). Once you arrive at the Town Green, please turn right onto Hayward Ave, stay to the right side of the road. Please pull forward until you are directly behind the float in front of you. We want to be sure there is enough space for all of the floats on Hayward Ave. Walkers should immediately move to the Town Green and off of the roadways. The firetruck with Santa will be the last float in the parade. They will make 3 circles around the Town Green and then park on Hayward Ave. Once floats are officially on the parade route, we ask that floats continue moving in a slow and orderly fashion. No stopping for more than 30 seconds.

There is ONLY ONE REAL SANTA CLAUS who will be riding in the parade. We are asking that float builders **PLEASE DO NOT HAVE A LIVE** Santa in the parade so as not to confuse the children.

ALL WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS WILL BE MADE BY 11:00 A.M. THE DAY OF THE PARADE and an EMAIL will be sent to the address that was used to register. It will also be posted to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

We hope that you will all stay for the full event, but once the parade has ended and Santa has made his way to the gazebo, floats may depart if they wish. Please be extremely cautious when leaving as there may be families and children walking on Hayward Ave. to get to the Town Green.

Registration

Please register online at www.colchesterct.gov/recreation-department by November 18, 2022. The fee is \$20 per float.

Thank you for your participation- we are looking forward to a wonderful new event!

Sincerely, Colchester Recreation Commission