



The City of Westminster
presents
**Miracle on Main Street
Electric Holiday Parade
November 27, 2010 5pm**

This year's parade brings a whole new look for Downtown Westminster. It will be held November 27, 2010 starting at 5pm. See the Rules for staging times and details. In addition to our traditional parade, we are adding an exciting new look. We are including Electric Entries to the Parade.

The Traditional Entries are the same great parade we've hosted on Main Street in conjunction with the City of Westminster's Annual Tree Lighting. The Electric Entries will have at least 2000 Holiday Lights on them, some will be themed for the Holidays and some will be representing familiar businesses and organizations from Westminster. If you are interested in constructing an Electric Float, Walking Unit or Vehicle, we have designers that will help!!!! The Parade Committee is currently working on securing electricity sources, wholesale light prices, batteries, materials and pre-parade storage. Workshops will be held over the summer to assist in constructing your float. To be included in these workshops, your application must be received by **NOVEMBER 16TH!!!** After that date, call for additional information. Rules for the Electric Entries are enclosed.

The Parade will also be awarding prizes for creativity, best groups and other categories. **Please include the signed Release and Indemnification Form with your application.**

Thank you for your interest in our parade.
The Parade Committee

Miracle on Main Street
TRADITIONAL Holiday Parade Application

Name: (Group, organization) _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Description of entry: _____

Traditional Entry (please circle one)

Float – decorated with a theme

Walking Unit – organized group (scouts, youth groups, horses, dogs, etc)

Marching Unit – bands majorettes, etc.

Vehicles – antique or sports cars, fire engines, trucks military vehicles, etc

Size of entry: # of vehicles _____ # of people _____ Float: yes or no
(The Greater Westminster has the right to limit number/size of entries)

Mail completed form to :

**Lyndi McNulty, Event Chair
195 West Main Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-876-7939**

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Rules and Regulations for Electric Entries

The Parade Committee provides the following list of rules and regulations for the Westminster Holiday Parade on **Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 5pm:**

For the category of Float:

1. Floats must not exceed 12 feet tall by 8 feet wide.
2. Can be pulled by vehicle or moved by manpower. Manpower will be judged as a walking unit.
3. Each float must have at least 2000 Holiday Lights or 1500 Holiday Lights and spot lights not to exceed 1000 watts in total.
4. Music amplification may be used as long as approved by the Parade organizers. Vocalists can be used with music for the holiday season or theme related.
5. Edges of floats should be covered in some manner.
6. All wiring must be properly secured to prevent mechanical damage and injury to float riders.
7. All connections must be made with UL approved electrical boxes or devices.
8. Portable generators or compressors used on the float must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base. A minimum of 12 inches must separate any part of the generator/compressor from combustible fabrication material.
9. All floats will be subject to inspection by the Parade Committee.

For the category of Walking Costumed Entries:

1. All costumes must be made of non-flammable materials or treated with a flame retardant chemical.
2. For optimum lighting, it is suggested that lights be placed one to two inches apart.
3. The size of the costume should be constructed so that the individual can safely control it and can easily walk the distance of the parade.

For the category of Lit Vehicles:

1. All vehicles must have at least 2000 holiday lights or 1500 Holiday Lights and spot lights not to exceed 1000 watts in total.
2. Music amplification may be used as long as supplied by the Parade organizers.

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Rules and Regulations for Traditional and Electric Entries

(See Additional Rules for Electric Entries)

The Parade Committee provides the following list of rules and regulations for the Westminster Holiday Parade on **Saturday, November 28, 2009 at 5pm:**

1. Parade formation will be on Monroe Street. Participants should enter from Englar Road (*this will be a drop off point only*).
2. Please follow instructions from Police Officer on duty.
3. Only parade vehicles will be allowed beyond the drop off point. Parade vehicles should arrive between **3:45 and 4:15pm**. Walkers or riders must be dropped off and walk to the formation area between **4:15 and 4:45pm**. Buses will not be allowed to stop on Monroe Street to unload passengers! Drop offs will be allowed on West Middle School's Parking Lot.
4. The Parade will leave the formation area promptly at **5:00pm** and move down Pennsylvania Avenue to Main Street to Longwell Avenue and end at East Middle School. Any group not ready to enter the formation when called upon will be moved to the rear of the Parade.
5. It will be necessary for all groups to move forward as promptly as possible.
6. Animal units must provide manure clean-up.
7. Floats must not exceed 12 feet tall by 8 feet wide.
8. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances of any kind will be allowed in the staging area, in your entry or during the parade.
9. Driving in an unsafe or erratic manner will result in immediate ejection from the parade.
10. Windshields of vehicles must not be totally masked to obscure the vision of the driver.
11. All entries in the parade **MUST** be family friendly.
12. Entries will not be permitted to stop or perform on the parade route.

Please retain for your files!

Miracle on Main Street
ELECTRIC Holiday Parade Application

Name: (Group, organization) _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Day Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Description of entry and main light color: _____

ELECTRIC Entry (please circle one)

Float

Walking Unit

Vehicles

Size of entry: # of vehicles _____ # of people _____ Float yes or no
(The Parade Committee has the right to limit number/size of entries)

Mail completed form to:

**Eileen Gist/Lori Welsh-Graham
Dutterer's Florist
114 Pennsylvania Avenue
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-848-9350**

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM

1. In consideration of the permission given to me, _____, by the City of Westminster and the Greater Westminster Development Corporation, Inc. Holiday Parade Committee (“Committee”) to participate in the 2009 Westminster Miracle on Main Street Holiday Parade, I DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL demands, damages, actions, causes of actions, suits and claims of any nature whatsoever, whether in law or equity, that I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate agents and assigns, and any other representatives which might otherwise have against the City of Westminster, Maryland, The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, its officials, agents, employees, and the Committee and its members thereof and therefor on account of any death or injuries, both to my person and/or to my property, whether foreseeable or not, which may occur, directly or indirectly, or develop at any time in the future as a result of my activities, association or participation in the 2009 Westminster Miracle on Main Street Holiday Parade.

2. I ALSO EXPRESSLY AGREE on behalf of myself and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate agents and assigns, and any other representatives to indemnify and hold harmless, the City of Westminster, Maryland, The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, its officials, agents, employees, and the Committee and its members thereof and therefor on account of any and all right, claim or cause of actions existing or which possibly could arise at any time in the future as a direct or indirect result of my activities, association or participation in the 2009 Westminster Miracle on Main Street Holiday Parade.

3. I hereby declare that the terms of this RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM have been fully read and understood by me, and freely and voluntarily entered into and accepted by me, and I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM.

4. I acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to obtain independent legal advice with respect to the execution of this Release and Waiver Form.

_____(SEAL)
Witness Signature

Print Name

Date:_____
INDIVIDUAL