

Rotary Christmas Parade Reminders – Please read carefully

Where can I get more information on the parade?

Visit either Rotary Club web site (Allenrotary.org) (Allensunriserotary.com) or contact Amy Gnadl at amygnadt@tx.rr.com or 817-863-7248

What do we do if weather is bad the day of the parade?

Check your email (the one given on the entry form) for updates on the parade and any potential complications with weather. The Rotary Club makes the final decision to cancel ONLY after gathering input from the Allen Police and Fire Departments and will send an email out to all parade participants.

How much space will we have in the line up?

Each entry/float can have a MAXIMUM of 2 components (cars, trucks, motorized apparatus, etc.) Each space in the line up is marked by a painted stake placed in the ground on Cedar Street. Place Number 1 is near the intersection of Cedar Street and St. Mary.

Can I have Santa on my float?

NO! The ONLY float/entry with Santa will be the Rotary Club's entry at the end of the parade.

Can we stop to perform during the parade route?

No, the parade has many entries and cannot allow anyone to stop once it has started.

I'm part of a group that will be riding or walking with live animals; what are the special rules for animals?

We must be made aware when you submit your entry that you will have animals. You are required to keep dogs on a leash and with an owner at all times; large animals MUST have a cleanup crew to go behind them.

We would like to hand out candy, cards, etc, Is that ok?

Yes, candy can be given out; individually wrapped candies are recommended. **Please DO NOT THROW the candy. It is against City Ordinance to throw ANYTHING into a crowd.** If you chose to give out candy or any other items, it must be handed out by walkers along the curbside.

Where do we park if we are in the parade?

The Allen High School Parking lots are available for parking; you can park near the AHS tennis courts and walk to your place in line on Cedar Street.

Where do we drop off parade participants and where do I enter with my float?

The parade participants can be dropped off in several locations according to the placement of the float.

1. Exchange and N. Cedar. Participants are dropped off at the softball field parking lot. No one gets past this point other than floats or livestock entries. Parking is in the baseball field parking lot.
2. At Allen High School near the tennis courts. Participants can then cross the foot bridge and enter the staging area near the Cottonwood Creek Bridge or walk towards Cedar and find their place in the line-up.
3. If the float is at the beginning of the staging area, participants can be dropped off at the City of Allen Senior Activity Center. Vehicles **must turn around and exit** via Greenville Ave. and St. Mary.

STREET Closures:

Cedar between Exchange and St. Mary and Rivercrest and Station Park Dr at around 11:30 a.m. The rest of the parade route closes at 1p.m. which includes Cedar to Main St, Main Street to Allen Dr, Allen Drive to St. Mary and St. Mary to Cedar.