

CITY OF FREEPORT
2020 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE
LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

If you do not wish to sign this Agreement for your entire group, please make copies of the Disclaimer and let each person participating sign a copy. You may send all Disclaimers with your parade entry form.

The City of Freeport does not provide liability insurance for the protection of parade participants, spectators, merchants, or others involved in similar activities who participate in the annual 2020 Christmas Parade.

In consideration of participating in such activity, the parade participant does hereby release and forever discharge the City of Freeport, its officials and members, jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands for, upon or by reason, of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by parade participants, merchants, spectators or others involved in the parade.

This release extends and applies to, and also covers and includes, all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability and the consequences thereof, as well as those now local or territorial law of statute providing in substance that release shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries or damages which are unknown or unsuspected to exist at the time, to the person executing such release, are hereby expressly waived.

I hereby on behalf of my heirs, executor, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify the City of Freeport and hold harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands and liabilities, loss damages and expense of whatever kind or nature, including attorney fees, which may at any time be incurred by reason of my participation in the City of Freeport Christmas Parade 2020.

It is further agreed and understood that said allowance of my participation in the annual 2020 Freeport Christmas Parade is not to be construed as an admission of any liability and acceptance of assumption of responsibility, by the City of Freeport, its officers and members, jointly and severally. Parade participants shall indemnify the City of Freeport for all damages and expenses for which the City of Freeport, its members and officers, jointly and severally, become liable as a result of any alleged act of the parade participant.

Name of Organization _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parade participant or Sponsor
(If minor, signature of parent or guardian)

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS
PARADE DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2020

Welcome to the Parade! The parade is held in the early evening hours. Entries are strongly encouraged to “light up”. Floats and large vehicles might consider using out walkers. These people can be dressed in the theme. Lights will assist in providing visibility and make for a safer, more festive parade.

1. This year Freeport will celebrate its 12th Christmas Parade and the theme for the 2020 Parade is “Christmas Around the World”.
2. The deadline for parade entry is December 1, 2020. The parade route map, staging area map, parade rules and regulations, safety briefing, and COVID measures and guidance can be downloaded from the City of Freeport website. Unit parade positions will be given at the staging area check-in point the day of the parade.
3. Each entry must be submitted on an official parade entry form, only one unit application per form. Please ensure you have included both application, and **required** signed Liability Disclaimer,
4. The Freeport Parade Committee will assign parade positions for all units. Placement will be determined for the most pleasant, smooth running parade possible.
5. No one younger than age 7 will be allowed to walk in the parade.
6. No bullhorns will be allowed.
7. Float height should not exceed 14 feet because of power lines.
8. There must be an adult for each float or entry and this person shall remain with the entry during the entire parade whether children are part of the entry or not.
9. Fire extinguishers will be required for each float.
10. No one will be permitted to get on or off a float or entry once it has started down the parade route. Exceptions: Only performing units as approved in writing by the Parade Committee.
11. No parade participant will be allowed to have a loaded firearm at any time.
12. No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be allowed on any parade entry at any time before or during the parade.
13. Any entry utilizing a motor vehicle should have working taillights.
14. Motorized entries should not have excessive smoke.
15. All items on an entry should be secure to protect against participant tripping hazards or hazard from falling off the entry into the spectators.
16. No sharp edges.
17. All drivers are required to have a proper and valid driver’s license, be at least 21 years old, and possess vehicle liability insurance.
18. Motorcycle clubs are not allowed to perform any type of stunts along the parade route.
19. The following are requirements for riders on all flatbed float entries:
 - may not sit with feet hanging over the sides
 - may not sit with their back to the edge of the float unless

retaining walls are present

- may only stand towards the middle of the float provided using
- hand hold devices
- No more than 5 people may be standing at any time

20. Pick up floats will ensure participants on the float are seated, standing only if appropriate hand holds and other safety precautions are taken to protect against injury to participants and spectators.
21. All parade participants are encouraged to throw or hand out objects but with caution. Items may not be thrown directly at spectators. They may be lofted in the air or thrown at spectators' feet.
22. The parade will end at Freeport City Hall. We invite parade participants to stay and enjoy the Christmas program and Tree Lighting Festivities.
23. The Parade Committee will secure Santa Claus. He will be riding on an official unit. NO ONE else may dress as Santa or Mrs. Claus.
24. Standing parade participants on moving vehicles or platforms must have a sturdy support, handholds, belt restraint, or other means to prevent a fall from the unit.
25. ALL entries MUST depict a Christmas theme (bows, wreaths, streamers, etc.). Riders are encouraged to wear festive attire.
26. Only Christmas theme music will be allowed.
27. The Parade Committee's decisions regarding all entries are final.
28. All horse entries must secure and provide a cleanup crew to immediately follow the entry.
29. Entries must be entertaining to a family audience, primarily children.

FREEPORT PARADE SAFETY BRIEFING

Welcome to the 2020 Freeport Christmas Parade. We are excited you chose to be a part of this tradition as we enter this special time of year. Please ensure that every member of your unit has been briefed on the following points and adheres to these guidelines. They are critical to the success and safety of our parade for all participants and parade viewers.

- PARADE ROUTE: Proceed right from Freeport Elementary School. Turn left on Kylea Laird. Turn right on HWY 20 and proceed past city hall. Turn right at Blueberry Drive
- Units will maintain a minimum distance of 30'. If a vehicle stalls, the parade will move around the vehicle.
- The parade will move at 2-3 mph.
- For their safety, all young children must be seated on/in the entry during the parade.
- The parade includes emergency response vehicles. In the event of an actual emergency requiring an emergency vehicle to drive along the parade route, units will move to the right as safely as possible and come to a complete stop until the emergency vehicle has passed. Units will then resume forward movement keeping the 30' minimum distance.
- **CANDY:** For the safety of everyone, particularly the children, candy **must be** thrown well away from the vehicle and at the feet of the parade viewers. Please be extremely careful when throwing candy and other items. Throw items very gently as not to harm or hurt anyone. Please do not throw items directly at parade viewers.
- All parade drivers are asked to be EXTREMELY careful and alert to children and parade viewers. We have made necklace glow bands available to families but cannot guarantee that all children will be wearing one. Please remain alert at all times!
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed

- The parade is a smoke free event.

- FLOATS: Please ensure your fire extinguisher is readily available at all times

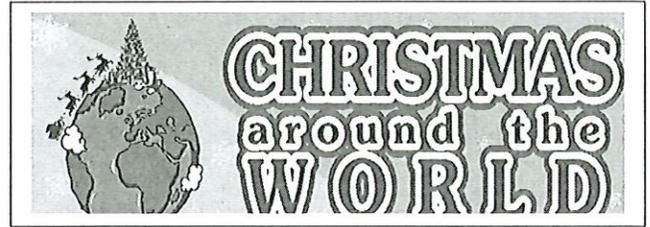
PARADE DROP OFF: The parade will go past city hall. **DO NOT STOP** in front of city hall to offload participants. Proceed to Blueberry and turn right. Units are to pull over to the right at the bridge access point to offload participants. Again, please pull over to the right and have participants offload the vehicle to the right as other units may be proceeding past on the left.

COVID MEASURES AND GUIDANCE

Thank you for being a part of this year's parade. We know there will be a lot of excitement and we encourage everyone to have FUN! With the Covid-19 outbreak we are taking measures and providing guidance and asking everyone to remain mindful of the safety and welfare of all participants and spectators. Recognizing that CDC and government authority guidance is fluid and may be modified, we ask in the festive spirit of the holiday season, that everyone remain supportive and understanding for the enjoyment of all.

- Advise participants to stay home if tested positive for Covid-19 or show symptoms of Covid-19.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the parade check-in point and around the parade area. They will be easily recognized by the tall red marker. (Individuals are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.)
- Encourage participants to cover mouth and nose while in the parade staging area when unable to maintain social distances. Masks will be available at parade check-in point.
- Unit parking spaces will have adequate spaces between units and tailored to the size and number of participants in the unit.
- Follow established social distancing guidelines. Participants are encouraged to stay within their unit parking area while in the parade staging area.
- Consider limiting the number of participants on your unit's float/flatbed. Allow safe distancing for riders. Use more walkers.
- Avoid physical contact with other parade participants and spectators when possible.
- Walking units will be allowed to adequately space between participants while marching in the parade.

Freeport Christmas Parade Dec. 5, 2020
Application Form



2020 Theme: Christmas Around the World

Who: Individuals, businesses, organizations, clubs, churches

What: Vehicles (cars, floats, golf-carts, trucks, motorcycles, horses, folks walking/marching in groups, tractors, etc.)

Where: Assembly area is Freeport Elementary school sports field, parade route is approx. 1.2 miles beginning at the school and ending on Blueberry Rd. (see map for details)

When: Parade participants assemble between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Dec. 5, 2020. Parade begins at 4:40 PM. Judging for the floats will be at 4:00.

How: Read and accept parade rules and requirements; fill out application and sign liability form; **submit by 5 PM, Dec. 1.** Please only one entry per application. Entries will be notified if/when they are approved. Mail or drop off completed application and liability form to: City Hall, 112 Highway 20 West, Freeport FL 32439

Group Name: _____

Group type (circle one): Business Church Military Club Band Individual_

Contact Person _____ Contact Phone: _____

Email _____

Entry Title _____

Description _____

Unit Type (circle one): Float Car/Truck Motorcycle Walking/Marching Horse

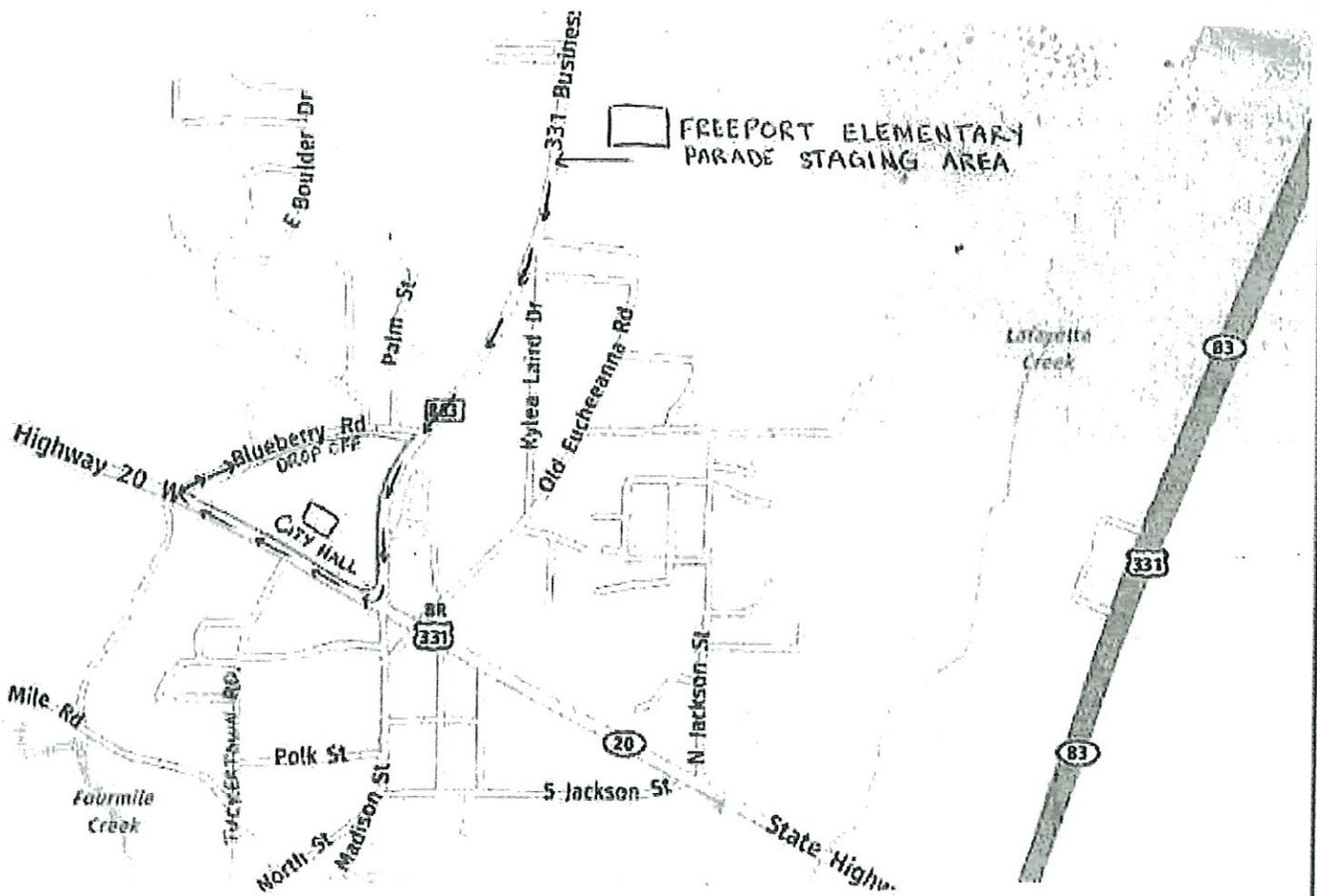
Other (please specify) _____

I have read the rules and requirements and agree to abide by the same and any decision of the City of freeport and the Parade Committee.

Signature of Person Responsible for Entry: _____

Questions: contact Barbara Moore, (8500-835-2822 , bmoore@freeportflorida.gov)

In case of inclement weather, alternate date is Dec. 12, 2020. Weather decision will be made by Mayor Barley and placed on Facebook and City Hall electronic sign as soon as possible, up to the morning of Dec. 5. Participants will also be notified by email.



PARADE ROUTE MAP

- The length of the parade route is approximately 1.2 miles.
- The speed of the parade will be 2.0-2.2 mph.
- Keep a distance of approximately 30 feet between all units
- Parade vehicles that are stopping at the Blueberry Rd. drop off point to allow participants to walk to city hall, should pull over to the far right and allow other parade vehicles to pass by on the left.

