

Home for the Holidays: Parade of Lights

The inaugural Home for the Holidays: Parade of Lights will be held Saturday, November 28th, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Parade registration will be at 5:00 pm in the parking lot to the north of Peace Lutheran Church. Participants should expect for the parade to last approximately one hour. There is no fee to enter. All participants are invited to the tree lighting ceremony after the parade.

Please read the following guidelines carefully before registering for the parade.

1. All parade entries must conform with the theme and spirit of the Home for the Holidays event. If at any point the Seymour Oktoberfest Committee feels that you are in violation of the rules or theme you will be denied entry.
2. All parade entries (vehicles, floats, people, etc.) must be illuminated as much as possible using portable lights, glow sticks, reflective tape, tinsel, etc. Entries that show no effort in lighting will not be allowed to participate.
3. There is only one Santa Claus. No entry, except that of the event sponsor, will be permitted to include a Santa Claus on its float or in its theme. However, other seasonal characters may be used by participants.
4. Semi-trucks with attached trailers are **not** allowed to participate in the parade.
5. Due to safety concerns, no items such as candy, toys, etc. may be thrown into the crowd. These items must be distributed by participants walking along the sides of the parade route. Remember, the parade route will be dark. Always keep the safety of the public in mind .
6. When submitting your entry form, please take time to list a brief description or narrative describing your entry. This information will be given to the announcers to read as you pass the judging area at the intersection of 2nd Street & Chestnut Street.
7. We will be awarding a "Spirit Award" to one parade entry. Judging will be based on:
 - a. Theme (Christmas/Holiday Season/Holiday Movie Characters)
 - b. Lighting (illumination of entry)
 - c. Creativity (original decorations/design)

The parade route will start near Peace Lutheran church parking lot, across St. Louis Ave., up Chestnut St. and to the judging area at the intersection of 2nd St. & Chestnut St. From there, the parade will continue east on 2nd St. to the new downtown park. Further details and a map of the parade route will be sent closer to the event.

The deadline for entry forms is Friday, November 15th. Space is very limited, due to the small staging area. Please submit your entry form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact us at parade@seymouroktoberfest.com.