

Happy Holly Days 2009



ENTRY DEADLINE
NOV. 23

Saturday Dec. 12
9:30 a.m. Line-Up
11 a.m. Parade Start

HAPPY HOLLY DAYS to you and your organization!

It's changed and it's better than ever!

This information is being provided to help you enter the 15th annual Happy Holly Days Christmas parade in downtown Holly Springs on **Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009.**

If you ARE NOT the contact person for your group, please help us by forwarding this information to the right person or calling us and letting us know to remove your name from next year's list! Call 552-6221.

The parade will be held rain, snow, sleet or shine. Line-up begins at 9:30 a.m.; the parade starts promptly at 11 a.m.; and is over before 1 p.m.

So, what is "changed and better" you ask? Well, the **Holly Springs Kiwanis Club is now presenting the parade.** They have thought of some wonderful new, different ideas to make the parade even better! Entries will now be divided into two categories.... "commercial & non-commercial."

What does that change mean to you? Well, if you are a girl scout troop or a church group, there is no entry fee and if you are a business, there is.

So, get those creative juices flowing and start planning your entry now. Drag out the tinsel, garland, wreaths, bows, holly and mistletoe. Deck those bikes, scooters and trailers out. Make your entry the best it can be, 'cuz here's the really "better than before part" **YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON TV !!**



Yep, you read it right. The parade will be taped and broadcast on (cable station) **HSTV-11.** We know you want to look your best and present the best image of your group, troop, business or church not only for the hundreds of folks lined up along Main Street the day of the parade but for all of the folks out in TV Land.



This part hasn't changed... Return your completed entry form and check made payable to the Holly Springs Kiwanis Club (if applicable) to us by **Nov. 23** so that we have enough time to plan the line-up and write the script for our emcees the week before the parade. Each entry will receive a color-coded map, line-up instructions, parade exit directions and your number in line. Please make sure everyone in your group knows what to do and where to go on parade day!

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Barb at 552-6221 or Joni at 557-3900.

Candy-throwing from the parade is Banned

Parades are exciting events that appeal to all ages. But young children are particularly thrilled with the music, colorful floats and dancing groups.

Because we are very interested in protecting our youngest of citizens, the Happy Holly Days Committee has made a difficult decision to ban candy-throwing from all parade entries. You may have someone walk along beside your entry handing out candy or literature, but please do **NOT TOSS ANYTHING** from your actual entry into the crowd.

**Join us for the 15th Annual
Happy Holly Days
Christmas Parade**
**The parade begins at 11 a.m.
and will end around 1 p.m. on
Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009.**
**The deadline to enter is
Monday, Nov. 23, 2009.**

Line-up and other parade information

Parade Route

After Thanksgiving, you will be mailed more information about line-up, parking, the parade route, etc. In the meantime, you may be interested in knowing that line-up will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Most of the parade will line up on Oakhall Drive, facing Hwy. 55. Some entries will be assigned to the Food Lion parking lot and will feed into the main line.

More details will be sent to you prior to Parade Day.

The parade will then flow onto Main Street, heading south. The parade will end in various flow-out directions on Avent

Ferry Road near the Town Hall. Entries with lots of children will exit the parade in such a way that parents can expect to meet their children in the vicinity of the Town Hall parking lot.

On parade day, there will be volunteers on hand to help you find your parade location. It's all very organized and painless.

Identification

Rented floats will be fitted with signs of the sponsors. All other entries are asked to provide their own signs, banners or placards that will identify their entries. We will provide you with a parade line-up number. On parade day, your parade number will be posted on the side of the pavement in the line-up area.

Look for your number and position your entry there.

More Information

If you have any additional questions, suggestions or comments, please call Barb Koblich (919) 552-6221 or Joni Powell (919) 557-3900. And, tell others who may be interested in participating! Extra entry forms are available at Town Hall or on our website:

www.hollyspringsnc.us

Remember: The Parade will be held RAIN OR SHINE, so plan to dress appropriately for the weather! Let's hope for a beautiful morning!

Rough Map of the General Line-Up Area and Parade Route

