



## THE MARIETTA Ugly Holiday Sweater PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Marietta **Ugly Holiday Sweater Parade** is part of the **Christmas Tree Lighting**, which is held annually. This traditional, old fashioned day of family fun is centered on the Christmas Tree Lighting celebration, and includes choir performances, meet and greets with Santa Claus, and the annual lighting of the tree. **The .4-mile parade begins at the City Hall parking deck and ends on East Park Square.**

Any individual, organization, group, business, or other entity that desires to participate in the parade must submit an application. All forms must be completed in their entirety and received by The Tree Lighting Parade Committee prior to the deadline. An applicant is not accepted into the parade until written confirmation is received from The Parade Committee. The Parade Committee will consist of the Parade Coordinator, Recreation Leader, and Recreation Supervisor. Approval or denial will be mailed to the applicant no more than 14 days from receipt of the application. All applicants will be notified no later than November 25th.

The Parade Committee for the City of Marietta will evaluate every parade entry to determine if it is appropriate for the parade. The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry (at any time prior to assembly, at assembly, or during the parade) it deems inappropriate. Upon acceptance, all entries must agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the City of Marietta Parks and Recreation Office. Parade marshals will be stationed along the route to review and enforce said rules. Immediate action will be taken to correct any rule violations. Corrective action may include dismissal from the parade.

**Parade application deadline: *November 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.***

### **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All parade entries must observe parade rules and regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.
2. **All entries are allowed one (1) banner and ABSOLUTELY NO hand-held signs.**
3. **ABSOLUTELY NO materials may be handed out or thrown along the parade route. Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature, or other items is prohibited.**
4. Possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances is strictly forbidden. The police will be notified of suspected violations. Offenders will be removed from the parade and are subject to arrest and prosecution.
5. No automated vehicles are allowed. Entries must be walking, cycling, marching, or pulling wagon floats.
6. Continuous forward movement ONLY is required of all entries. No stopping is allowed. Entries must not interfere with the parade flow or any other parade entry.
7. Entries must maintain a distance not to exceed 15 feet between each parade entry and remain five feet from the curb or the crowd, whichever is closer to the centerline of the street.

8. All accepted entrants must sign and return the liability disclaimer form agreeing to indemnify the City of Marietta, (its officers, directors, employees and agents) and hold them harmless with respect to any defense that they shall be required to make in connection with any claim or action arising out of participant's involvement with the parade.
9. All forms must be filled out completely, signed, and received by the parade committee by 5:00 p.m., November 11, 2022. No application will be accepted after the deadline.
10. All units must arrive at the staging area at the designated time. Each qualified entry will receive (via letter) a map of the staging area, parade number and the arrival time.
11. No amplified music shall be allowed. A small speaker may be used for approved vocal or background music. It cannot exceed the volume of the performers on the Glover Park Stage.
12. Every application shall be reviewed by the Committee and approved or denied. Any denial may be appealed to the Director of Parks and Recreation within 5 business days from the date of notice.
13. Parade entries may not deviate from the approved application.
14. The Parade Coordinator or his/her designee has the authority to enforce said rules and to remove any entry from the parade in violation of the rules.

### **Wagon LIGHT FLOATS**

1. Comply with rules 1 – 14 under General Rules & Regulations.
2. Floats cannot exceed 10 ft in size and must be pulled by hand.
3. Floats cannot be pulled by automated vehicles
4. Lights on floats must be battery powered. No gas generators allowed to power light displays

### **SPECIALTY/ /MARCHING UNITS/DRILL TEAMS**

1. Comply with rules 1 – 14 under General Rules & Regulations.
2. Specialty units will be reviewed and accepted based on uniqueness of entry and suitability to the parade.
3. Specialty unit participants must be suitably costumed to coincide with the entry.
4. All two-wheel/mini-4-wheel-vehicles may perform 2/s, 4/s, figure 8's, wedge or serpentine movements, provided the drill captain keeps his unit up tight and maintains the proper interval with the unit ahead.