

**47<sup>TH</sup> Pinellas Park**  
**CHRISTMAS PARADE**



*December Fourteenth Two Thousand and Nineteen*

**WELCOME**

# GETTING TO THE LINEUP AREA

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- Road closures will begin between 12:30PM and 1:00PM and progress Eastbound on Park Blvd as follows:
  - 66<sup>th</sup> Street at 1:00PM
  - 58<sup>th</sup> Street at 1:30PM
  - 49<sup>th</sup> Street at 2:15PM
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Street at 3:30PM
- You will not be able to utilize 49<sup>th</sup> Street between 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue after 2:15PM
- You will not be able to cross Park Blvd between 66<sup>th</sup> Street and U.S. 19 after 3:30PM.



# LINEUP

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- The lineup area opens to participants at 4:00PM.
- Access to the lineup area is limited to 65<sup>th</sup> Way via 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue ONLY.
- Some entries may be assigned to specific side street.
- Vehicles not participating in the parade will not be permitted past 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- Your lineup position will be marked with a wooden stake. Space allotment is based on utilizing curb and center lanes.
- Vehicles may only travel eastbound in the lineup area.
- The median (fast) lane must remain open at all times.



# LINEUP

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- DO NOT leave your vehicle(s) unattended.
- The lineup area will be closed to all vehicles starting at 5:30PM. There are no exceptions.



# PRO TIPS: LINEUP

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- If vehicles are preceding walkers or riders, drivers can identify nearest side streets to direct individual participants.
- **REMEMBER:** the lineup area closes to vehicles at 5:30PM, not individuals.
- If you only have one vehicle in your entry or extra space, position it in the center lane and leave the curb lane for walkers or riders that will be accompanying your entry.
- It is **CRITICAL** that you share this information with all of those participating in your entry.



# PARADE SAFETY OFFICERS (PSOs)

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## ○PSO responsibilities:

- Ensure that all individuals within the entry adhere to the rules and regulations of the parade.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for parade officials and law enforcement along the route.

○PSOs will wear a safety vest provided by the parade committee.

○PSOs are to be positioned along the curb line **BEHIND** their respective entry.



# THE PARADE

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- Preliminary units roll off at 5:55PM.
- Make sure lineup number is placed in lower right-hand side of windshield of the FIRST vehicle in your entry.
- All vehicles should position themselves in the center lane. Walkers should position themselves in the curb lane.
- The median lane **MUST** remain clear.
- Until you cross parade start (railroad tracks), be on the lookout for parade officials directing other entries from side streets into position.
- There is **NO STOPPING** at anytime once the parade begins.



# THE PARADE

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- There is no loading or unloading of individuals from vehicles or floats once the parade begins.
- Should a vehicle experience a mechanical issue or someone within your entry is experiencing a medical issue, move into the curb lane and alert officials.
- There is a reviewing stand at Park Blvd and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.





# DISTRIBUTION OF PARADE HANDOUTS

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## Permitted:

- Beads
- Individually wrapped candy
- Apparel
- Soft/inflatable items

## NOT Permitted:

- Paper products
- Lollipops
- Coins
- Pens/Pencils



# DISTRIBUTION OF PARADE HANDOUTS

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- Handouts must be thrown underhand from vehicles or floats and/or participants walking in the curb lane.
- Drivers of vehicles/floats may not distribute handouts along the parade route.
- Participants found to be intentionally throwing handouts carelessly or with the intent to cause injury **WILL BE EJECTED**.



# THE END OF THE PARADE

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- The parade disperses at 40<sup>th</sup> Street (The Shoppes at Park Place).
  - Northbound U.S. 19
  - Southbound U.S. 19
  - Westbound Park Blvd
- The PPPD has provided the additional options:
  - Ramp to U.S. 19 will be subdivided.
  - Vehicles wishing to continue eastbound on Gandy Blvd may do so utilizing the U.S. 19 overpass.



# PRO TIPS: THE END OF THE PARADE

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- Plan ahead for the end of the parade.
- Get away from parade traffic – many groups establish secondary locations to stop and offload or prepare vehicles for a longer trip home.



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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- This is a ONE SANTA parade.
- Santa left staging at 7:55PM last year. This is a long parade.
- Be respectful of private property within the lineup area.
- This is a Christmas Parade. Decorations and music should be holiday-themed.
- ALL VEHICLES must be decorated.
- Vehicle operators are expected to do so in a safe, responsible manner.
- HAVE FUN



# QUESTIONS?

