

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

12  11  21

**WELCOME**

# GETTING TO THE LINEUP AREA

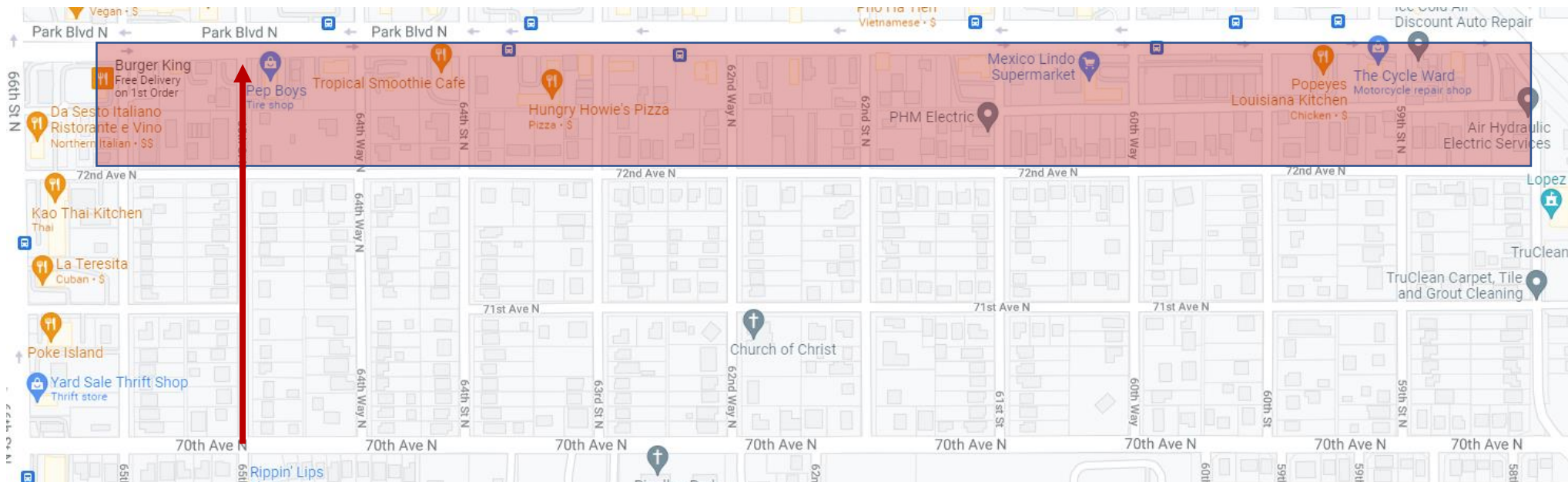
- Road closures will begin between 12:30PM and 1:00PM and proceed eastbound down Park Boulevard as follows:
  - 66<sup>th</sup> Street by 1:00PM
  - 58<sup>th</sup> Street by 1:30PM
  - 49<sup>th</sup> Street by 2:15PM
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Street by 3:30PM
- You will not be able to utilize 49<sup>th</sup>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

# LINEUP PROCEDURE

- 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.
- Some entries may be assigned a 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 the curb and center lanes.
- Vehicles may only travel eastbound in the lineup area.
- The median (fast) lane **must remain open at all times.**

# LINEUP PROCEDURE (cont'd)

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



# PRO TIPS: LINEUP

- 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 participants.
- If you only have one vehicle in your entry or have extra space, position it in the center lane and leave the curb lane for walkers or riders that will be accompanying our entry.
- It is **CRITICAL** that you share this information with all of those participating in your entry.

# PARADE SAFETY OFFICERS

- 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 or law enforcement along the route.
- PSOs will wear safety vests provided by the parade committee.
- PSOs are to be positioned along the curb line **BEHIND** their respective entry.

# THE PARADE

- Preliminary units step off at 5:55PM.
- Your one and only lineup number should be placed in the lower, right-hand side of the 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 (fast) lane **MUST** continue to remain clear.
- Until you cross official parade start (railroad tracks) be on the look out for parade officials directing other entries from side streets into position.
- There is **NO STOPPING** at any time once the parade begins.

# THE PARADE

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



# PARADE HANDOUTS

- Permitted
  - Beads
  - Individually wrapped candy
  - Apparel
  - Soft/Inflatable items
- NOT Permitted
  - Paper products of ANY KIND
  - Lollipops
  - Coins
  - Pens or Pencils
  - ....get the idea?

# PARADE HANDOUTS

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

# THE END OF THE PARADE

- The parade disperses at 40<sup>th</sup> Street (The Shoppes at Park Place):
  - Northbound on U.S. 19
  - Southbound on U.S. 19
  - Westbound on Park Boulevard
  - Eastbound on Gandy Boulevard (over the overpass)
- The ramp to U.S. 19 will be subdivided to enable vehicles to unload on the curb.

# PRO TIPS: THE END OF THE PARADE

- Plan and communicate that plan!
- Get as far away from the parade route and parade traffic as possible!
- Many experienced groups identify a secondary location to stop and offload or prepare vehicles for a longer trip home.

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- This is a **ONE SANTA** parade.
- In 2019, Santa left staging just after 8:00PM – this is a long parade.
- Be respectful of private property within the lineup area.
- **This is a Christmas Parade.** Decorations, music, etc. **MUST** be themed accordingly.
- Children under the age of 8 are not permitted to **walk** in the parade.
- All vehicles, with few exceptions, **MUST be decorated.**
- Vehicle operators or expected to do so in a safe, responsible manner.
- **HAVE FUN!**

# RULE ADJUSTMENT: POLITICAL SIGNAGE

- Political signage of any kind is limited to entries promoting individual political candidates – signage must advertise their respective candidate.
- Signage that is advertising other candidates or could be considered political in nature is **strictly prohibited**.
- Signage includes, but is not limited to signs, banners, t-shirts, and flags.

# QUESTIONS?

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