The 68th Annual Winter Park Ye Olde Hometown Christmas Parade, the oldest Christmas Parade in Central Florida, is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2020 beginning at 9:00AM. Each year the parade attracts spectators to enjoy the pageantry of the parade as the festive holiday season begins and this year, we are making social distancing plans.

**IMPORTANT DATES**
- **October 23** - Applications open
- **November 6** - Applications close
- **November 13** - Accepted applicants notified
- **November 27** - All entry payments due

**RULES AND RESTRICTIONS**
- Parade Entry fee: $125 for Chamber members and $250 for non-members (marching bands excluded)
- Submission of application does not guarantee parade entry. Parade entries will be limited to ensure a safe event.
- Evaluation criteria for applicants include:
  - Order of application submission
  - Chamber membership
  - Proximity to Winter Park
  - Number of years in parade
  - Number of participants per entry will be limited to 15 persons to ensure social distancing (marching bands excluded)
  - Walking entries will not be permitted to ensure social distancing. (marching bands excluded)

- All selected applicants will be notified by 11/13/20. Invoices will be sent out upon notification. Payment must be received by 11/27/20 or entry risks revocation of invitation into parade.
- Refunds will not be made after 12/1/20.
- Parade is subject to cancellation due to weather or safety. No refunds will be issued in cases of poor weather or act of God and no rain rates will be offered for the parade.
- Maximum float height is 12 feet from the ground.
- All vehicles must be decorated or carrying dignitaries.
- Santa characters may not appear in any parade unit.
- For public safety, the Winter Park Police Department prohibits balloons and items being thrown from vehicles/floats. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- Due to parade logistics, applications will not be accepted from political candidates or organizations. No political collateral, messaging, or signage are permitted in the parade.
- All parade participants must be masked & practice social distancing.
- In order to keep the parade moving & to maintain social distancing, there will be no stationary performance opportunities.