

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

PLEASE REVIEW AND ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING PARADE SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS:

All parade participants are required to ensure everyone in their group follow these parade rules. Failure to abide by anyone in your group may lead to event disqualification and further action as needed.

All parade entries must be completely lit and keep with this year's parade theme: "Christmas In Toyland"

The Safford Downtown Association is hosting Santa Claus for the Parade; **No other Santa's are permitted on any other entries.

Only properly licensed drivers are authorized to operate any large vehicles to include ATV's and golf carts. Participants must be 12 or older to operate smaller vehicles such as mini-bikes, motorized scooters, etc. and must stay with their group.

Participants are not permitted to ride on any vehicle roof tops, fenders, hoods, etc.

Hot rodding, excessive speed, hopping and/or severing by any vehicle to include but not limited to ATVs, Motorcycles, Bicycles, Skateboards, etc. is prohibited.

**For safety reasons, no articles (gum, candy etc.) may be thrown, tossed or handed out to the crowd from any parade entry or walking participants.

"Bubble" or "snow" spraying machines on parade entries will require 2 adult safety walkers on each side of the parade entry.

All entry parties must exhibit proper disposition and control of any animals in the parade.

All youth organization or group entries must be accompanied by a responsible adult and ensure all rules are followed.

The use of any sound systems on a float or entry for broadcasting purposes or the use of loud sirens or horns are not permitted during the parade. (Law Enforcement, Fire Department and First Responders are excluded.)

Participants must make every effort to maintain proper spacing with the entry in front of them. **Stopping to perform is not permitted and all entrants need to keep the parade moving.

Potential hazards such as firing weapons, blanks, fireworks, or anything else deemed innately dangerous to include water balloons, shooting silly string, and water guns, etc. are **strictly prohibited!

Parade entries/floats cannot exceed 13 feet in height from street level and siding/skirts within 6 inches from the ground.

Entries will be judged under the following categories:

Judging Criteria	Award Categories	Prize Amounts
-Overall Appearance	-Family/Friends	$300
-Creativity & Workmanship	-Church	$300
-Use of Lights	-School	$300
-Accurate Interpretation of theme	-Small Business (1-19)	$300
	-Large Business (20+)	$300
	-Government	$300
	-Non-Profit	$300

PLEASE MAINTAIN THIS PAGE & DO NOT SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION



PARADE LINE-UP & ROUTE GUIDELINES

PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR DAY OF EVENT REFERRENCE

Line-up access start time: 3:30 – 5:30pm

Parade line-up access:

- No line-up access permitted from 8th Ave.
- Take W. 8th St onto S. 11th Ave.
- Turn Right onto W. Main St (behind the Graham County Courthouse).
- Proceed single file and follow Event Personnel (in high-vis vests) directions.
- During check-in share the Group/Organization title used on your parade application when asked by the Event Personnel to assist with line-up order.
- Entrants will be provided a line-up number in the order of their arrival.
- **Groups must check-in together. Late arrivals will be placed at the end of the parade line.
- There are no areas outside of the line-up route for entry set-up.
- Arriving on time will assist with the line-up and allow for any last-minute set-up needs.
- All entries must be in place and ready at 5:45pm with a parade starting time of 6:00pm.
- Event Personnel are responsible for launching each numbered entry.
- Entrants with multiple vehicles need to keep together. Please mind the distance from each other especially with the entry to your front.
- Parade line-up will proceed from the Courthouse, Left on 8th Ave, Right onto Main St, finishing with a Right onto 2nd Ave, proceed towards 7th St to disband. All vehicles are prohibited from turning right onto 7th St.
- Please assist with prompt pick-ups and exiting from 2nd Ave.
- Please review the Parade Rules & Regulations..
- Your support with the line-up process is appreciated.

THANK YOU



SAFFORD DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

29TH ANNUAL COUNTRY FINANCIAL HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE

THEME: CHRISTMAS IN TOYLAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026

6:00 -7:00PM

Please fill-out completely

Group/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City**_____ **Zip**_____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Category: Select one: ☐ Family/Friends ☐ Church ☐ School ☐ Small Business (1-19 staff)
☐ Large Business (20+ staff) ☐ Government ☐ Non-Profit Other: _____

If your entry is chosen as a winner, would you like to donate your winnings to a charity?

☐ No ☐ Yes - Organization to receive winnings: _____

Entry forms must be submitted NLT 6pm, 12/09/2026

Late applications or day of event entries will not be allowed

Submit all applications to: City Hall Annex 808 8th Ave, Safford, AZ 85546 Monday-Thursday 7am-6pm or email to Mick Ruiz, City of Safford Administrative Events Liaison, mruiz@saffordaz.gov

Please contact John Howard at (928) 651-2406 or Mick Ruiz at (928) 432-4143 for more details.

*** HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY ENTRANT FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENT**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/We_____, its officers, employees and members shall, through the signing of this Agreement by an authorized party or agent, indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City of Safford and its agents and employees from all suits and actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs of litigation and judgment of every name and description against the City, as a result of loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any action or omission by the City of Safford, its agents or employees, for the following activities: ***29th Annual Country Financial Holiday Light Parade, December 12, 2026-Main Street Parade Route, Safford, AZ.***

*Signed this _____ day of _____, 2026 Signature*_____

Applicant's signature below certifies that he/she has read, understands, and will abide by the same, all standing Parade Rules, Regulations and/or Guidelines and failure to comply may lead to removal from the event and future participation.

Applicant Signature:_____ Date:_____



ANNOUNCERS COMMENTARY FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY AND RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION

The following information will be used to help identify and describe your entry for the announcer.

Group/Organization: _____

Entry Title: _____

Brief Message (30 words or less): _____

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DESCRIPTIONS EXCEEDING THE 30 WORD LIMIT WILL BE EDITED

Safford Downtown Association

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