



"The Countrie it selfe, I must confesse is a very pleasant land, rich in commodities; and fertile in soyle..."

Samuel Argall, ca. 1609

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Surry County's



Celebration of the Holiday Spirit

Dear Community Friends,

Surry County invites your organization to participate in our Christmas festivities on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The theme of this year's event is "Surry County's Celebration of the Holiday Spirit". We are looking forward to hosting a memorable day of activities to include: Our Christmas Parade, Grand Illuminations, Community Social and a Visit from Santa.

Enclosed, you will find a Surry County Christmas Parade Application to participate in the parade. Businesses and Community Friends are encouraged to join by entering a vehicle, float, marching band, antique car, emergency vehicles, dance groups, etc. capturing our celebration's theme. We are encouraging our Towns and Citizens to show community support to kick off this wonderful occasion by agreeing to display their holiday lights in unity. Please, refer to the enclosures for additional information and contacts regarding these events.

We hope that your group will be interested in participating in these events and/or volunteering your time and services. Personally, I hope you and your group will have a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season and look forward to your participation this year!

Sincerely,

Tyrone W. Franklin
County Administrator

ENCLOSURES



Surry County's



“Celebration of the Holiday Spirit”

Saturday, December 10, 2011

LOCATION: TOWN OF SURRY

Schedule of Events

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

3:00 PM

Christmas Parade: Featuring Santa



4:00 PM

Community Social: Pictures with Santa Claus for a minimal fee, much more fun for the whole family.

- Location: Grounds of the Surry Public Library, Adjacent to the Government Center

5:00 PM
(Approximate)

Grand Illumination of Lights presented by the local business, residence and community/neighborhoods.

- Location: Surry County At-large and Surrounding Areas



“WISHING YOU MAGIC THIS CHRISTMAS”

Sponsored by Surry County Parks and Recreation Department

Surry County Christmas Parade

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011 **Time:** 3:00 p.m.

Theme: "Surry County's...Celebration of the Holiday Spirit!"

The Surry County Parks and Recreation is now accepting entries in the "2011 Christmas Parade". To properly prepare for the parade, we are requiring interested organizations return this entry form to: **Surry Parks and Recreation- ATTN: Parade Entry - P.O. Box 7, Surry, VA 23883 by 5:00 p.m., by Tuesday, November 22, 2011.**

PARADE ROUTE & LINE UP AREA

- The Parade will begin on the grounds of Community Baptist Church (Near Surry Volunteer Fire Department) which is the same route used for Surry High School's Homecoming Parades (approximately 1 mile in length) **All units entering the parade must enter the parade route (from route 10 and make a left on Bank Street and continue on Bank Street for a half of mile to the Surry Government Center).** Side streets will be blocked.
- **Entries** should be in place no later than, **2:00 p.m.** The parade starts promptly at **3:00 pm.** We will not wait for late comers so plan on arriving as early as possible. Once parade starts, your unit cannot enter the line up if not already in place.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **All entries MUST be DECORATED for the Holiday Season! Floats are highly recommended!**
- **No candy will be thrown during the parade by any entry. Entrants may provide individuals, dressed in Christmas Attire, to "walk" beside their entry to handout candy. Reckless driving will NOT BE TOLERATED.** These rules are for the safety of the crowd, to maintain a steady flow of the parade, and to limit liability in case of accident. **SANTA WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUEST IN THE PARADE. PLEASE NO IMPERSONATORS!** SANTA is not to be included on any entry.
- **NO SIRENS and NO LOUD, INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC** is to be sounded during the parade by any vehicle. (Including Emergency Vehicles) **ONLY APPROPRIATE, HOLIDAY THEME MUSIC** will be allowed.
- To prevent gaps in the parade, units **MUST NOT stop to perform** during the parade. Only moving routines will be allowed!
- If you have animals, you are responsible for cleaning up behind your unit. No exceptions.
- There will be **NO** alcoholic beverages permitted. Anyone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be asked to leave the parade area immediately.
- **Entries violating these rules are subject to removal from the parade and forfeit their right to participate in the future.** The parade officials have the right to ask anyone not in compliance with the parade rules to withdraw.

REMEMBER

- **All entries will be required to send a representative to the mandatory participants' meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Surry Community Center. "Entry Line-Up Number for each participating unit will be distributed at this meeting. You must have this number to be allowed in the line-up. If no one from your unit attends this meeting, your group will NOT be allowed to participate in the parade. NO EXCEPTIONS!** After the meeting, we ask that you share this information with all members of your group.
- In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, we will post the cancellation on the county's website: <http://www.surrycountyva.gov/> or you may contact: Ervin Jones, Parade Chairman at ejones@surrycountyva.gov or 757-647-4517.

CHRISTMAS PARADE 2011 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Type of Entry- Circle one: Float - Marching Unit - Car - Emergency Vehicles - Business Float - Horses - Dance Group
Other, Specify: _____ Is Music a part of your entry? _____

PLEASE PRINT: Name of Contact Person: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Summarize your Entry: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____ E-Mail: _____

By signing below, I am verifying that my organization has read and agrees to follow the rules outlined in this application and we will have a representative at the mandatory participants' meeting on **Monday, December 5, 2011.** I understand if we do not have a representative present, we will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

DATE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Surry County Illumination of Lights

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011 **Time:** 5:00 p.m.

Theme: "Surry County's...Celebration of the Holiday Spirit!"



The Surry County Parks and Recreation is now accepting entries in the "2011 Illumination of Lights Contest". To properly prepare for the Illumination Contest, we are requiring interested communities, businesses, or individuals to return this entry form to: **Surry Parks and Recreation - ATTN: Illumination of Lights Entry - P.O. Box 7, Surry, VA 23883 by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 1, 2011.**

RULES FOR COMPETITION

1. Set up of light displays must be completed and ready for judging by December 2nd at 5 p.m.
NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. Those who enter may use their choice of "colors, designs, and creativity" to showcase their selected display theme in an appealing fashion.
3. Judging will take place between, Friday, December 2nd thru Sunday, December 4th. There will be three (3) Entry Categories: Business, Residence, and Community/Neighborhood
4. Light displays must be illuminated for public viewing from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. each weekend (Fridays thru Sundays), December 2nd through January 1st, 2012.
5. All entries will be required to send a representative to the Surry County Community Social Event in the Town of Surry @ 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th. Winners of the Pre-Judging will be announced at this event.

For more information, please contact Ervin Jones, Illumination of Lights Chairperson: at ejones@surrycountyva.gov and/or 757-647-4517.

ILLUMINATION OF LIGHTS 2011 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Type of Entry - Circle one: *Business* *Residence* *Community/ Neighborhood*

PLEASE PRINT - Name of Contact Person: _____

Name of Community or Town (If Applicable): _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Mailing Address if Different: _____

Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____ E-Mail: _____

Summarize your Display's Theme: _____

By signing below, I am verifying that I/My organization has read and agrees to follow the rules outlined on this form. I understand if I/We do not have our display completed **by Friday, December 2nd, 5 p.m.**, I/We will not be judged nor allowed to participate in the competition.

DATE

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE