

35th Annual Donelson Hermitage Christmas Parade Instructions

The attachment to this message provides information to get your Parade Entry (vehicles and people) to a planned location in the Staging Area for tomorrow's Christmas Parade. Your "Line Up #" may change as we make final corrections today. Please follow the instructions from the Parade Volunteers who are helping everyone get positioned and lined up safely.

Overall Parade-Related Timeline:

11:00 – Elm Hill Pike is fully closed between Old Elm Hill Pike and Donelson Pike. Only Parade and Local traffic is allowed on Elm Hill Pike between Royal Pkwy and Old Elm Hill Pike. Two-way local traffic will continue in the normally West-bound lanes, separated by cones.

11:30-1:00 – Entries Arrive in Parade Staging Area. Parade vehicles enter the Elm Hill Pike "Staging Area" Gate #1, from Royal Parkway headed East toward Donelson Pike.

12:30 – Arrival deadline if you want your entry judged (unless an exception is coordinated).

11:45-1:00 – Judging of Entries inside the Elm Hill Pike Staging Area.

1:00-1:30 – Award Presentations inside the Elm Hill Pike Staging Area.

1:30 – Vehicular Entrance to the Staging Area Closes for Final Parade Line Up Adjustments. Donelson Pike closes between Elm Hill Pike and Lebanon Pike.

2:00 - Parade begins at intersection of Elm Hill Pike & Donelson Pike. Parade travels North on Donelson Pike into the WeGo Star/RTA parking lot.

3:00 (approximately) – Parade concludes inside the Donelson Station WeGo Star/RTA parking lot, disperses and exits through the traffic light onto Lebanon Pike. All roads reopen on a rolling basis behind the Parade.

3:15 – 3:30 - Be aware an **Excursion Train** is expected to cross Donelson Pike on the railroad tracks between 3:15 – 3:30 PM on Saturday. Police Officers will be at the crossing site to help ensure everyone's safety. The Parade should have cleared the railroad Tracks before 3:15 PM.

How to Arrive to be in the Parade:

Vehicles - All vehicles that are actually in the Parade must enter through Parade Staging Area Gate #1 located on Elm Hill Pike at the intersection of Old Elm Hill Pike. All vehicles must approach this entrance by traveling East in the right-hand lanes on Elm Hill Pike (coming from Royal Pkwy). Please do not attempt to enter this Gate from Old Elm Hill Pike as left hand turns onto Elm Hill Pike at this intersection will not be allowed.

Parade entries may use the section of Elm Hill Pike between Royal Pkwy and Heney Drive to make final preparations and add decorations before entering the staging area. Supporting vehicles may be in this area with the parade vehicles making their

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final preparations. Do this in the right-hand lane of Elm Hill Pike and well before you arrive at the Staging Area Gate so other parade traffic is not hindered.

Drop-Offs - Parade participants being dropped off should be dropped off outside the Staging Area and walk in. The best location for most participants to be dropped off is at Parade Staging Area Gate #2, which is located where the Shopping Center parking lot (aka old K-Mart shopping center) meets Nelson Place (the short road behind Walgreens). From here, the walkers just walk down Nelson Place (behind Walgreens) to Elm Hill Pike.

No vehicles that are not actually in the parade will be allowed to enter the Staging Area to avoid safety and congestion concerns. See above for the suggested drop off location.

No vehicles are allowed to enter the Harper Collins Publishing Parking Lot for any reason.

During the Parade:

Please keep moving at the parade pace and avoid creating large gaps in the line of march. If a vehicle breaks down in front of you, please safely bypass the disabled vehicle and keep moving. There will be police officers along the route to control traffic and the road closures. They can render or call for assistance if needed.

Except for the largest vehicles and some of the VIP vehicles, at the end of the parade, all participants should go into the WeGo Star/RTA parking lot to disperse and then exit onto Lebanon Pike to depart the area. Keep moving well into this parking lot so the entire parade can clear Donelson Pike by around 3:00 PM.

Expect the Parade to go as scheduled, rain or shine, unless it is deemed too unsafe.

Thank you for participating in and supporting our community Parade.

For questions please:

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