

# GREATER MANASSAS CHRISTMAS PARADE

## Information for Parade Day

**PERFORMANCE AND TIME RESTRAINTS FOR JUDGING** -- Performing “routines” that require the full forward movement of the group/unit to stop or go to half step are not allowed except in the following situations:

- When forward movement of the entire Parade has come to a halt; and,
- In front of the Judges’ stand for MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) MINUTES

When forward movement of the entire Parade has come to a halt, performances may be carried out. However, once the Parade has begun a forward movement, the performing group/unit shall IMMEDIATELY move forward. Groups/Units MUST keep up with the forward movement of the Parade and maintain the designated gap with the group/unit in front. In addition to the Judges at the judging stand, there may be roving judges along the parade route.

When performing in front of the Judges’ Stand, groups/units will be limited to a MAXIMUM OF 2 MINUTES FROM BEGINNING OF PERFORMANCE TO END OF PERFORMANCE.

“*Beginning of performance*” is defined as ANY HALTING of the forward movement of the group/unit in preparation for the performance. Marching at half-time to allow the setting up of props will not be allowed.

“End of performance” is defined as when the group/unit has faced down the Parade route and started marching forward. HESITATION THEREAFTER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

A 2-MINUTE TIMING DEVICE WILL BE READILY VISIBLE BY THE Judges and performing group/unit leader. Such device will display a warning when 30 seconds are left in the allowed performance time. Disqualification may result for groups/units going over the 2minute time limit.

Only props hand-carried by the performers along the entire Parade route will be allowed during the performance at the Judges’ Stand. All performing groups using recorded music must submit their music on DVD at the mandatory meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, held at 7 p.m. at the Park West Lions Club.

Parade Marshals will be stationed along the entire Parade route to assure safety, security and the continuous forward movement of the parade. These individuals will be dressed in attire that will be readily recognized, Groups/Units creating gaps, after having been warned by the Parade Marshals may be asked to exit from the parade.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** -- The Parade will never be cancelled. However, performances at the Judges’ Stand may be limited or cancelled depending on the weather conditions.

**LIVE ANIMALS** -- If your unit consists of live animals, please read the Section of the City Code attached to the application.

**HANDOUTS** -- Distributing literature is discouraged. Handing out candy or other items along the Parade route is permitted as long as it is **HANDED** to an individual. Throwing candy or other items from vehicles is **not** permitted. Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate removal from the parade.