



# 73RD ANNUAL MARYSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

## “A NIGHT AT THE NUTCRACKER”

IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MARYSVILLE

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

PHONE (530) 763-5402

### PARADE ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Entry Fee (Check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-profit (\$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ Business (\$50)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Checks payable to: City of Marysville)**

Please prepare a narrative of 50 words or less for the announcers to read as your entry passes the announcer's area (\*please be aware that this narrative may be shortened if necessary and/or read word for word by the announcers\*).

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#### PLEASE CHECK ONE CATEGORY:

##### FLOATS/VEHICLES:

\_\_\_ Decorated Floats\*

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people walking \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Decorated Vehicles (Proof of auto insurance required)

\_\_\_ # of vehicles (see rule #9)

Number of people walking \_\_\_\_\_

##### WALKING/MARCHING GROUPS:

#### CHEER, FLAG, BATTON, DANCE CORPS

\_\_\_ Pee Wee

\_\_\_ Junior

\_\_\_ Senior

\_\_\_ Mixed

#### DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

\_\_\_ Adults

\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_ # of participants

#### SADDLED ANIMALS

\_\_\_ # of saddled animals

\_\_\_ # of people walking

Type of animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: additional form required**

#### COMMUNITY GROUP/ BUSINESS

\_\_\_ # of people walking

#### BANDS

\_\_\_ Elementary school

\_\_\_ Intermediate school

\_\_\_ High school

\_\_\_ Check here if your entry has Amplified Sound Equipment

Drum Major Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Traditional mobile platforms are considered 'floats'. Judges have final decision.



# PARADE RULES

## PLANNING FOR THE PARADE:

1. ABSOLUTELY NO SANTA CLAUS SUITS ALLOWED. The official "Santa" will be arranged by parade officials. Violating this rule will result in immediate expulsion from the parade.
2. The theme for this year's parade is "A NIGHT AT THE NUTCRACKER." Use your imagination & decorate your float with this year's exciting theme. \*\*Please note that we will be judging floats by the designated categories; Best Lighting, Most Thematic and Most Original.
3. The parade will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2024. It begins at 5:00 p.m. and will last approximately 2 hours. The parade will start at 6th and D Streets and will end at the intersection of 5th and C Street. Parade officials reserve the right to change the location of the parade if it is determined to be in the best interest of public health. Entrants will be notified of such changes if the determination is made.
4. The non-refundable parade fee is \$25 for non-profit organizations and \$50 for all businesses. NO REFUNDS will be provided.
5. The parade line-up will be determined on Monday, December 2, 2024. Entries received after November 22nd will be placed at the end of the parade. All entries postmarked after Wednesday November 27th will be charged an additional \$25 late fee. Please include this fee with your entry or it will not be considered. Please make checks payable to City of Marysville. Hand-delivered applications can be sent to: Sapphire Group, 547 Second Street, Yuba City, CA 95991.
6. A notice of the line-up and a parade route map will be emailed. If you do not receive this notice by the end of business on Monday, December 2, 2024, please contact Sapphire Group at (530) 763-5402.
7. Entry numbers must be placed on the right side (passenger side / west-facing) of the entry (assign someone to wear or tape it to your entry, but please make sure it can be seen so you may be properly introduced).
8. All decorative materials must be fire resistant or be treated with flame retardant.
9. Group vehicle entries are limited to no more than 5 STANDARD SIZE VEHICLES. Groups wishing to enter more than 5 standard size vehicles must submit a separate entry form for each block of 5 standard size vehicles or more.
10. Parade entries consisting of persons walking may have no more than 50 individuals. Organizations wishing to enter more than 50 marchers must be broken into separate groups of no more than 50 and enter each group separately. If your school band, dance team, etc., total more than 50 then they will be counted as two entries.
11. Saddled animal groups MUST provide their own animal waste pick-up services (pooper scooper) or will face immediate ejection. Saddled entries also require a separate form to be completed. Contact Sapphire Group at 530-763-5402 for additional form and insurance requirements.
12. Please have each member of your entry review these rules prior to parade day.
13. No objects are to be handed out, thrown, sprayed or discharged at spectators during the parade. Only those who walk towards the edges of the streets may pass out candy that is individually wrapped, with prior approval from Parade Staff BEFORE THE PARADE BEGINS.
14. One designated person from each entry must check-in at the check-in station located at 6th & D Street to receive their entry number and certificate of participation between 3:30-4:00 p.m. If parade officials determine it to be in the best interest of public health, entrants may be asked to report to their staging area and wait there for parade officials to verify their arrival. In this case, your parade entry number and certificate will be mailed to you in advance of the event.
15. All entries should arrive in the staging area no later than 4:00 p.m. (one hour prior to the start of the parade).
16. All riders should meet their floats or vehicles in the staging area no later than 4:30 p.m. (one half-hour prior to the parade).
17. Please carpool if possible; parking will be very limited. Please park all non-parade vehicles on B, C, or D Streets, north of 9th Street, or west of E Street.
18. Please arrive in costume, there are no changing facilities. You are also reminded to dress warmly, as the evening hours can be chilly.
19. Persons and/or animals riding on a float or in a car must be safely secured. Entries involving animals or vehicles must be kept in control at all times. The primary responsibility of all participants and parade officials is the safety of riders and spectators.
20. Since this is a nighttime parade, small pocket flashlights are recommended for safety purposes.
21. No alcoholic beverages or firearms will be allowed during the line-up of the parade or during the parade. Violators will be subject to a citation, which will be issued by the proper authorities.
22. Please control noises near the equestrian entries. If startled, it could be dangerous to the horses, riders, and/or spectators.
23. Portable toilet facilities will be available at 6th and D Streets and 3rd and D Streets.

## DURING THE PARADE:

24. Please maintain a distance of at least 50 feet between the various entries.
25. There will be radio announcers along the parade route and you are asked to perform for spectators on each block.
26. The parade will be a traditional forward-moving parade. There will be no stopping for performances except in designated areas. Bands should try to play continuously along the entire parade route. Bands must proceed into the competition area at 3rd and D Streets, in front of the review stand, for judged performances.
27. No objects - including candy - may be thrown or sprayed at the spectators during the parade.
28. Do not disembark your float during the parade, except in cases of illness or emergency. In such cases, emergency personnel will be summoned to assist.
29. Units that use sound-amplifying systems must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries. Entries with sound systems or music must indicate usage on the front of this entry form.
30. The reviewing stand will be located on the west side of D Street just north of 3rd Street unless the route changes, in which case entrants will be notified.
31. Please do not disband until you reach the corner of 5th and C Streets unless otherwise notified. You are encouraged to use the Municipal Parking Lot at 4th & C Streets as a meeting place to find your parents/children after the parade.
32. Any entry that does not abide by the Parade rules may be disqualified and prevented from participating in future parades.

By signing below, the responsible party for the organization listed acknowledges that they have read and agree to abide by parade rules of face ejection. By signing below, the responsible party agrees to release/hold harmless the City of Marysville and Sapphire Group LLC from any liability the entering organization presents to their own participants, parade patrons, other parade participants and the general public.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Responsible Person (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_