







The Town of Horizon City

Presents

The Tree Lighting Ceremony, & Float Contest

An invitation is being extended to you and/or your organization to participate in the 2026 Christmas Tree Lighting, Float Contest and Christmas Parade. We are excited to announce this year's theme. **The parade theme plays a significant role in not only float decor but all other entry preparation for the annual event.**

This year's Theme **A Classic Christmas**

We are looking forward to your entry and support for these worthwhile community events.

December 11, 2026 Float Contest 6:30pm; Judging begins at Oz Glaze Senior Citizen Center, 13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City, TX.
1st Place, 2nd and 3rd Place certificates will be awarded

December 11, 2026 Tree Lighting ceremony starts at 6:30pm; Tree Lighting at 8:00pm. Hot Chocolate and goodies will be served

December 12, 2026 Christmas Parade 10:00am.
Staging begins at 8:30am (refer to staging instructions and map attached)

→**You will receive your parade entry number and Participant Packet at the mandatory parade participant meeting. There are 3 opportunities to attend for your convenience.**

1st meeting: Friday, 11/20/2026, 7:00pm,
2nd meeting: Saturday, 11/21/2026, 10:00am.
3rd meeting: Sunday, 11/22/2026, 4:00 pm.

All meetings will be at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City, TX 79928.

Enclosed is the Participation Registration Packet. This packet has all the information, dates and paperwork that you need. Please read, sign and return before the deadline.

We hope you will join us in this exciting event of the 2026 Christmas Parade. Contact Information: or Horizon City website; www.horizoncity.org. Oz Glaze Senior Center 915-588-1639.

The Town of Horizon City
Christmas Parade 2026

Official Parade Rules and Regulations

READ, SIGN & PRINT ALL PAGES AND SUBMIT

1. The Horizon City Christmas Parade will begin on Ryderwood Rd. The parade will move to Darrington, onto Eastlake
2. All entries to the parade must be registered. The deadline for registration is November 17, 2026.
   All entry forms and entry fees must be received by this date to avoid late registration fees. Late registration fees: Car club, motorcycle club's $40 per vehicle, $200 for Business and $75 Nonprofits. Day of the Parade $200 for every entry.
3. There will be a **MANDATORY** parade participant meeting. **YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE MEETINGS.** Due to limited space at the Senior Center, only your organization's leader(s) or "person(s) of contact" should attend this meeting. At this meeting parade entries will be given their packets that include parade assignments, passes, and pertinent information. There will be time for questions and answers. Nonattendance will result in being placed at the end of the parade. See page 1 for times and locations.
4. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Due to the size of the parade and traffic flow limitations, all participants **must be** in place by 9:00 am. Staging begins at 8:30 am. **Anyone NOT actively participating in the parade is not allowed in the staging area including vehicles.**
5. Section assignments are given based on the information on the entry form; **participants may not change positions**. Once confirmation of your participation is official, you will receive a map and assigned a staging location which should eliminate any confusion the day of the Parade.
6. All entries are required to submit a small biography pertaining to their organization, to be used while their entry passes in front of the Announcer's Booth.
7. All vehicles, floats and flatbeds participating in the parade should be decorated prior to entry into staging area. The staging area is for final touches only. Confetti (or similar) destroy the surrounding area and is dangerous for wildlife. Therefore, it is not permitted. **Your organization will be responsible for the removal of trash from both the staging area, route and end of parade site.**
8. Any entry using animals/live stock are required to supply their own Pooper-Scoopers to travel right behind their entry.
9. All children participating in the Parade must be under adult supervision at all times.
10. The maximum allowable height of a float or any entry unit is 15 feet, measured from the ground up.
11. Live fires and wood burning stoves are strictly prohibited. All mobile units carrying generators will be required to have an ABC fire extinguisher and first aid kit on the vehicle.
12. As safety is our priority, **THERE WILL BE NO THROWING OF ANY ITEMS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO CANDY, FRUITS, JUICES, AND/ OR SNACKS FROM FLOATS, VEHICLES AND/OR**

FLATBEDS. POLICE ENFORCED. These items can be handed to the spectators from WALKING volunteers. **VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARADE.**

13. Vehicles must remain at a safe distance of 25 feet in the front and rear. Maximum speed of 5 MPH.
14. All vehicles are expected to be operated in a safe manner. No vehicle will be allowed to swerve from left to right or be in motion with the hood up creating an obstruction of the driver's view. All vehicles participating in the parade will be required to abide by the laws governing the Texas Department of Public Safety.
15. No one will be allowed to step off a vehicle until the vehicle has come to a **COMPLETE** stop.
16. Replicas of Santa or Mrs. Claus or persons dressed as Santa or Mrs. Claus will not be allowed in the parade. The only entry that is allowed to have a live Santa Claus will be the "Official Santa Float/Vehicle", which will be the last float/vehicle.
17. **The Town of Horizon City, its volunteers and *law enforcement* reserve the right to remove any entrant in violation of any of these rules and regulations.**
18. All documentation must be signed to the affirm that you have read, understood and will comply with all rules and regulations.

Our Goal is to create a safe and fun event for everyone who participates in the parade as well as to the spectators alike. Please review all the Parade Rules & Regulations prior to submitting your entry.

The Town of Horizon City Christmas Parade 2026

Float Rules and Regulations

These rules are in addition to the Official Parade Rules and Regulations. (Item 10 and 11 are new Regulations to ensure the safety of all the spectators)

1. The float requirements are as follows:
   a. A "display" that is built on or around a flatbed being towed manually or by a motor vehicle.
   b. A "display" that is self-motorized or towed by a motor vehicle.
   c. The "display" dimensions must not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width, by fifteen (15) feet in height by thirty (30) feet in length at its greatest point.
2. This year's theme, _**A Classic Christmas**. All entries must be decorated to parade standards in keeping with the Christmas spirit and the theme of the parade. This includes all participants except band entries, dignitaries and vehicle clubs.
3. Pulling units are encouraged to be decorated and should be made as much a part of the float as possible.
4. Floats must be **FAMILY ORIENTED** and constructed in a safe manner, as well as not to present a health or safety hazard to the entrant or the general public.
5. All entries will be permitted to add finishing touches to their floats while in the staging area. Each entry will be responsible for keeping their float and its surroundings clean and neat at the start of the parade as well as, at the end of the parade. All participants are responsible for disposal of any and all float materials.
6. Participants are **NOT** permitted to jump on or off the float during the parade. There should be at least 25 feet between each float during the parade. Maximum speed 5 MPH.
7. All floats must have hand holds for all people who are standing in the float and must have secure/safe seating for all others riding in the float.

8. No replicas of Santa or Mrs. Claus allowed.
9. * No Semi's (18 Wheelers) are allowed in the parade.
10. * Vehicles that are in the parade shall not participate in any burning tires, wheelies or other demonstrations that may endanger the spectators.
11. **Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in entry members or entire entry removed from the parade without incident. (See Rules and Regulations)**

Certificates will be awarded to 1st place and 2nd , 3rd places.

Entries will be judged on:

A. The incorporation of the **Classic Christmas** Theme
B. Creativity and originality
C. Cleanliness and neatness of the entry

1. Only entries that have completed Horizon City Christmas Parade entry form with the word **"YES"** checked for the float contest will be allowed to participate in the Float Contest. (Found on the Registration and Acknowledgement form. Be sure to submit your entry form to:

   Horizon City Christmas Parade Committee
   13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City, TX 79928

   ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN November 30, 2026 to avoid a late fee.

2. All float contest entries must adhere to **Float Rules** and **Float Contest Rules.**
3. Parade Float Contest will begin promptly at 6:30 pm December 11, 2026 at Corky Corcoran Park in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The float must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judged. All participants on the float do not need to be present for judging unless they are vital to the theme.
4. Pulling units not decorated will cause points to be deducted at judging.
5. Contest participants must follow Parade Volunteers and City Law Enforcement instructions during the judging.
6. The winners of the Town of Horizon City Christmas Parade Float Contest will be awarded their "Pride of the Parade" Certificate at the conclusion of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Merry Christmas

I would like to thank the participants, volunteers, and staff for your help in making this Horizon City tradition a huge success. I am so grateful to have been raised in such a beautiful community. My wish is that each of you have a wonderful holiday season and that God's blessings and spirit fill your home.

Mayor Andres "Andy" Renteria

Registration & Acknowledgement Form



2026 Town of Horizon City Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 12, 2026 10:00 am
Float Judging Contest Friday, December 11, 2026 at Oz Glaze Senior Center 6:30 pm

Thank you for participating in the Horizon City Christmas Parade. Please complete this form and return with your fee/donation on or before the **deadline of November 30, 2026**

Sponsor Details (Please print legibly)

Name:
Position (if applicable):
Business/Organization:
Address:
Phone (daytime): (evening):
Email: Number of Participants:
Title of Parade Entry:

Type of entry: Check all that apply
_____Float _____Car/Truck/Motorcycle _____Car Club
_____Live Animals _____Walking

Will you/your organization be participationg in the Float Contest? _____**YES** ___ **NO**

Check one	Sponsorship Type	Number	Amount	Late Registration After 11/20/2022
O	Business (for profit) (Includes 1 Vehicle or Float)		$150.00	$200.00
O	Organization (non-profit) (Includes 1 Vehicle or Float)		$50.00	$75.00
O	Additional Vehicles – Vehicle Fee		$20.00 per vehicle	$40.00
O	Semi Trucks		$200.00	$250,00
O	Registration Late Fee after November, 30, 2026			$250.00
O	Total Payment			

Payment Details: Please select your payment type:

O Check-made payable to the Town of Horizon City (*Any returned item will be accessed a $35.00 fee.)
O Cash- in person - please do not mail cash

Section Assigned_____ **Wrist bands give to partiipatent**_____

Instructions: Return this completed and signed form, payment to Horizon City Christmas Parade Committee, 13969 Veny Webb Horizon City, TX 79928.

NO REFUNDS.

Waiver and Release Acknowledgement:

By signing the Registration Form below, I acknowldge that I have received a copy of the Town of Horizon City Christmas Parade participant's packet. I agree to comply with all policies, rules and regulations governing the participation in the parade and float contest hereto attached.

I further agree that I, my organization/individual(s) or heirs shall hold harmless and indemnify the Town of Horizon City and their volunteers from any liabilities, injuries, or damages of any kind including but not limited to attorney fees and other costs of responding to or defending acclaims or litigation which may occur for the participation in the annual parade.

Furthermore, by signing this Waiver and Release Acknkowledgement, I am indication that I have read understood and agree to comply with all of the guidelines stipulated and are in accordance that if ay participant fails to comply with these guidelines, the team will be deemed ineligible and removed without incident,

_____

Signature Responsible Party/ Primary Contact

Date

_____

Printed Name

***** No Santa or Mrs. Claus as they are already participating in the parade. Thank you. *****

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY