

Murphys Open House Parade

Sponsored by the Murphys Business Association

Friday December 7, 2018

Instructions and Rules/Regulations

ALL ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2018.

These instructions and regulations have been developed to ensure all parade participants understand and abide by the rules. They were designed to warrant safety and provide an enjoyable experience for all parade participants, the audience and our hard-working volunteers. This year the parade will be limited to 40 entries – **NO EXCEPTIONS.** No entry will be considered after the deadline of November 23. If you have any questions, please call the MBA parade contact: Sue Friedman, 728-8183 (e-Mail: dellett41@comcast.net). The final selection of entries will be at the discretion of the Parade Committee to provide the most diversity possible to the audience.

The information submitted on your entry form is what will be used to organize the line up of parade participants as well as provide information for the announcer, so it very important not to add more people or vehicles.

RESTRICTIONS:

- All horses need to have a pooper-scooper follow them. If you do not provide a scooper you will not be allowed in the parade. MBA will **NOT** be providing any vessels or personnel for this task. Only horses with parade experience and ridden or driven by skilled riders will be allowed in the parade.
- There will be **NO** partisan political entries.
- Car Club entries will be limited to five (5) cars.

Suggestions:

As in past years, we are requesting that entries be lit, but it is NOT mandatory for entrance into the parade. Since this assists in “lighting the way”, we urge you give this consideration and thank you for this added touch.

1. Participants will gather at the Black Bart Theater parking lot on Algiers Street across from the park at 4:00 p.m. (the lot will be open at 3:30 p.m.). An entry participant must check in at the appropriate registration table (based on your entry number) located at the main entrance of the lot and receive an entry number placard. This number placard **need not** be displayed on side of your entry, but show it to volunteers as you are lining up. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. sharp. Any entrants arriving after 5:15 p.m. will lose their assigned place in the line-up and will follow at the end with parade with no announcement made about their entry.
2. The parking lot will be available only for parade vehicles, horses and those walking. Parade participants who are not using their vehicles, or those dropping off parade participants will not be able to park in this lot.

3. The parade participants will enter the parking lot from Hwy 4 to Jones Street (in front of the fire station) to Scott Street and proceed to Algiers Street. Participants will be unable to enter from Main Street or Murphys Grade Road since these streets will be barricaded at Scott and Algiers Streets as well as Murphys Grade Road.
4. Although the announcers will read from a script to describe your entry, we encourage you to have banners, signs or other forms of identification on your vehicle, marching group or horse. This also adds to the spirit and color of the parade.
5. The parade route will begin at the Murphys Hotel, making a right turn onto Main Street, proceeding through town and ending at Alchemy. It is important that the parade maintain a steady pace, so please do not race ahead or lag behind, and by all means do not make any unnecessary stops!
6. At the end of the parade route return to the assembly area. All those riding on a float must stay on board until arrival back to the Black Bart parking lot. The CHP has mandated that walking units will not be allowed to return to the assembly area using Scott Street while the parade is in progress. They may gather in the parking lot behind the arbors or join the parade watchers on Main Street.
7. **DO NOT** throw candy or anything else into the crowds. Children trying to retrieve the goodies could be seriously injured. This also delays the pace of the parade.
8. The parade starts promptly at 5:30. If participants are unable to register by the 5:15 deadline, they will forego their assigned number in the line-up but may participate by joining at the end of the parade line. Their entry will not be announced.
9. The parade is a rain or shine event. This may limit some in their participation, and we certainly understand. If for any reason an entry needs to withdraw, please call the MBA parade contact.
10. **HAVE FUN!**

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