

Murphys Open House Parade

Sponsored by the Murphys Business Association

Friday December 2, 2022

Instructions and Rules/Regulations

ALL ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2022.

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. The parade will be limited to 40 entries – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. No entry will be considered after the deadline of November 21. If you have any questions, please email murphysopenhouseparade@gmail.com or call one of the MBA parade contacts: Sue Friedman (209) 890-7594, Carrie Nelson (209) 484-2340, or Jody Garcia (209) 743-7492. The selection of entries will be based on a first come, first-served basis, and the final decision regarding 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 and golf cart entries will be limited to five (5) cars or carts.

Suggestions:

As in past years, we are requesting that entries be lit for entrance into the parade. Since this assists in “lighting the way”, we thank you for this added touch.

1. Participants will enter at the **south end** of 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.). **This entrance is a change from previous years.** An entry participant must check in at the appropriate registration table (based on your entry number) located near the main entrance of the lot and receive an entry number placard. This number placard **must** be displayed on the **LEFT** side of your entry and visible to volunteers as you are lining up.
2. The parking lot will be available only for participating 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. 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.

3. 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.
4. The parade route will begin at the Black Bart Parking Lot and make 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. Please keep approximately 30' between you and the entry in front of you.
5. 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.
6. **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.
7. 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.
8. 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 one of the MBA parade contacts:

Sue Friedman- 209-890-7594

Carrie Nelson: 209-484-2340

Jody Garcia: 209-743-7492

9. **HAVE FUN!**