

MURPHYS OPEN HOUSE PARADE 2025

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 5:30PM

murphysopenhouseparade@gmail.com

NOTE: While we would love to include everyone who wishes to participate in the parade, space is limited. Special consideration will be given to previous entries and those featuring unique themes. We only allow one Santa in the parade so unless we confirm with you directly, please no real looking Santa. Please note that submitting a completed entry form does not guarantee inclusion in this year's event.

As in past years, we encourage participants to include lighting in their entries. While not mandatory, illuminated displays help "light the way" and add to the festive atmosphere. Thank you for considering this special touch. We appreciate your enthusiasm and look forward to working with you to make this year's holiday kick-off a memorable celebration.

To be considered for the 2025 Murphys Open House Parade, please read and initial the Instructions and Regulations, complete this form, and return it by email or drop it off at the Murphys Information Center, 202 Main Street (open Thu–Sun, 10 am–4 pm). Please print clearly.

Forms are due by November 24 to allow time for line-up and confirmation.

Questions? Contact Jody Garcia (209-743-7492), Carrie Nelson (209-484-2340), or
murphysopenhouseparade@gmail.com

Name of Entry: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type of Entry & Length(float, band, etc.): _____

Music on Entry?: _____ Number and Type of Vehicles: _____

Number of People in Entry: _____ Walking?: _____ Riding?: _____

Complete description/script of entry for parade announcers:

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

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INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS

The success of Murphys Open House Parade is due to the creativity of its participants and the detailed Instructions and Regulations that have been developed over the past decade. To ensure everyone enjoys the event safely, it is vital that all participants follow these rules. **Please ensure every member of your group understands and abides by them.** The rules are designed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for participants, spectators, and our dedicated volunteers.

General Restrictions

- The information submitted on your entry form is essential for organizing the parade. Please do not add additional people or vehicles beyond what you originally entered.
- Only experienced horses, ridden or driven by skilled equestrians will be accepted.
- Classic car clubs are limited to five vehicles due to space constraints in the formation area.
- Partisan political entries are not permitted.

Specific instructions will be provided for certain groups, such as equestrians and preschools, as parade details are finalized. **Even if you have participated before, carefully review these instructions, as procedures may have changed.** Please read and initial all sections and sign bottom. For any questions, contact parade chairs Jody Garcia at 209-743-7492 or Carrie Nelson at 209-484-2340.

By submitting this application, I, on behalf of myself and any participating organizations, groups, or individuals, hereby agree to waive all claims for injury or damage arising from participation in this parade. I understand that participation in this event involves inherent risks, and I agree to assume full responsibility for my own safety and the safety of any group or individual under my supervision.

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Parade Day Information

Assembly Location and Timing

Participants will gather at the Black Bart/Murphys Creek Theatre parking lot on Algiers Street, across from the Library and Murphys Community Park.

- **Registration:** Have a group representative sign in at the registration table near the entrance to receive your entry number.
- **Arrival Time:** The lot opens at 3:30pm for float decorating, with all participants expected by 4:15pm to ensure the parade begins promptly at 5:30pm. **The parade lineup will start being organized no later than 5:00pm. You must be in your vehicle and ready to move by 4:45pm.**

Parking and Access

- The parking lot is reserved for parade vehicles and participants only. Non-parade vehicles and drop-offs must park elsewhere. Carpooling or walking to the assembly area is highly recommended. If you have special needs or require additional vehicles for float decoration or equipment, please indicate this on your entry form and obtain prior approval.
- Access the lot from Highway 4 to Jones Street (in front of the fire station), then Scott Street, turning onto Algiers Street. Entry from the center of town is not allowed as Main Street will be closed to vehicles.

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Parade Rules and Guidelines

1. **Identification:** Use signs, banners, or placards to identify your group and add to the parade's festive atmosphere. Announcers will provide descriptions based on prepared scripts.
2. **Animal Entries:** All animal groups must clean up after their animals in the assembly area and on the parade route.
3. **Theme:** Participants are encouraged to incorporate holiday themes into their entries.
 - There will be NO partisan political entries.
 - Only one Santa is permitted in the parade. Please check with the Parade Coordinators to see if a Santa is needed.
4. **Pacing:** Maintain a steady pace to prevent gaps in the parade. Avoid unnecessary stops, racing ahead, or lagging behind.
5. **End of Route:** Do not stop at the Main and Scott intersection for photos or unloading. Entries must clear the area and return to the assembly location.
6. **Walking Units:** Walking groups cannot return to the assembly area via Scott Street during the parade. They may gather in the lot behind the Arbors or join spectators on Main Street.
7. **Candy and Handouts:** Do not throw candy or items into the crowd, as this poses a safety hazard. Handing items out is also discouraged as it can slow the parade.
8. **Weather:** The parade will proceed rain or shine, though snow may cause cancellation. Be prepared for variable weather conditions.

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Important Notes

The parade starts promptly at 5:30pm with staging starting no later than 5:00pm. If your entry is not ready on time, it will be moved further back in the lineup, which may disrupt announcer descriptions.

If you need to withdraw or update your entry, contact us at, murphysopenhouseparade@gmail.com, 209-743-7492 or 209-484-2340 as soon as possible. Let's work together to make this a fun and memorable event for everyone!

Jody Garcia and Carrie Nelson
Parade Co-chairs

Name of Entry

Contact Person (Please Print)

Signature
