

35th Annual Victorian Sleighbell Parade & Old Christmas Weekend

Parade Entry Guidelines

1. No motorized vehicles with the exception of automobiles built in 1901 or earlier. (Before Queen Victoria's death).
2. Clothing must appear to be of the Victorian period. (wool, corduroy, cotton)
3. Visible material displayed on entries must be of the Victorian period. No plastics, artificial greenery, etc. Everyone is encouraged to use sleighbells, live greenery, cloth ribbons, and fresh fruits.
4. Music performed must be from the Victorian period.
5. Recorded music or amplification of any kind is not allowed.
6. Lighting on entries must appear to be in the form of candles, lanterns, oil lamps, etc. No electrical or battery operated lighting will be permitted unless previously attached to buggies, wagons, sleighs, etc.
7. Signage must appear to be from the Victorian period with appropriate lettering and max 2ft. high x 8 ft. long.
8. Animal drawn entries of the Victorian period are encouraged, as are horseback riders, and any animal that can be led on a leash. You may decorate your animals, if appropriate, with bells, ribbons, bows, etc.
9. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor entries with appropriate signage. With imagination, almost all businesses can relate to the Victorian theme in some way. Be creative and come up with truly unique and original entries.
10. Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the parade committee as to parade length.
11. Entries must be previewed by the parade committee before being accepted for authenticity and carrying out the Victorian theme.
12. Tossing and throwing items along the parade route is forbidden.
13. Parade entries turn left at Senior Center and disband going East on Water Street.
14. All animal and entries with trailers will unload at Iron Works. Entries should disband going left on Water Street and continue to Division Street. Take a left on Division Street back to River Street and make a Right on River Street. There will be an escort to assist on US 31 back to the Iron Works.
15. Please keep in mind there are animals in this parade and while we make every effort to maintain the cleanliness of the street, it is not always possible. A team will be behind horse teams picking up manure.
16. For profit businesses that are not Sleighbell Parade sponsors will be charged \$150 if they intend on having a banner in the parade,

This year's parade will be on Saturday, December 7, 2024, and start at 5:30 p.m. Lineup begins at 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Email: Sleighbellparade@gmail.com, Phone Mick at 231-510-4040.

Deadline for entries is November 7, 2024. Please email all entry forms to mickszymanski52@gmail.com

Contact person for entry: _____ Phone: _____

Organization Name to be displayed on Sign: _____

Email address: _____

Type of entry: _____
