

## Parade Information

Date: Saturday, December 10
Line-Up Begins: 9:00 a.m.
Parade Start: 10:30 a.m.
Parade Staging Area: Old Airport Rd.

# **Contact Information**

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#### <u>Theme</u>

The theme for the 2016 Christmas Parade is "Christmas in Candy Land." To be eligible for judging, please decorate your parade entry according to the theme and clearly display your line-up number. Judging will be done before the Parade kicks off. Awards will be given to: Best Overall Entry, Best Commercial Entry, Best Non-Commercial Entry, Best Dance/Musical Group. Winners will be contacted after the parade and posted on our web site. Remember only entries reflecting the theme will be judged.

## **Rules and Guidelines**

- 1. Entry forms and payment (if applicable) must be post marked no later then Monday, November 28.
- 2. All trailers/floats must be in position no later than 9:15 a.m. All other entries must be in position no later than 9:45 a.m.
- 3. Group leaders are responsible for informing group participants of parade information and rules.
- 4. The Town of Fletcher reserves the sole right to use the character of Santa Claus for the parade finale. Other Santa entries will not be permitted.
- 5. Throwing candy or other items from vehicles, floats, horses, etc. is not permitted. Candy or other items may be distributed by walkers.
- 6. The driver of any vehicle must be at least 18 years of age. All drivers must possess a drivers license and hold valid insurance.
- 7. All parade participants are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times.
- 8. Music and holiday decorations are strongly encouraged.
- 9. Units will stand no higher than 13 ft. tall and 12 ft. wide.
- 10. All parade entries must move forward continuously. Any dance being performed must move in a forward motion. **Groups will not be permitted to stop to perform**.
- 11. Parade Marshals can and will remove person(s) or unit(s) who violate parade rules.

# Parade Line Up Information

The parade staging area will be on Old Airport Rd. Groups will line up in number order beginning at the First Citizens Bank and will continue toward Cane Creek Rd. All parade entries should enter Old Airport Rd. via Old Cane Creek Rd. or Mills Gap Rd. Old Airport Rd. will be closed to non–parade vehicles and non local traffic from 9:00 a.m. through the conclusion of the parade. Line-up numbers will be clearly marked along the roadside. All trailers/floats must be in position **no later than 9:15 a.m**. All other entries must be in position **no later than 9:45 a.m**. Parade line-up numbers will be available beginning Monday, December 5th by visiting www.FletcherParks.org or by contacting Town Hall at (828) 687-0751.

## Antique Car Parade

Beginning at 10:15 a.m. antique cars will be invited to cruise down HWY 25 to help kick of the Annual Christmas Parade. Interested drivers must still complete a parade application.

# Parade Route

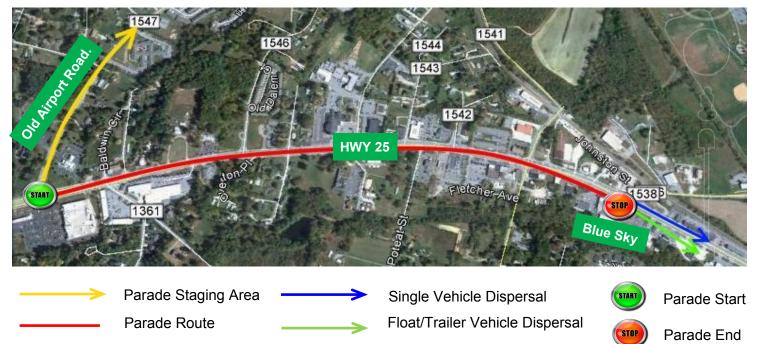
The Town of Fletcher's Annual Christmas Parade travels down HWY 25 between Old Airport Rd. and Blue Sky Cafe (3987 Hendersonville Rd.). Parade route is approximately 1.5 miles.

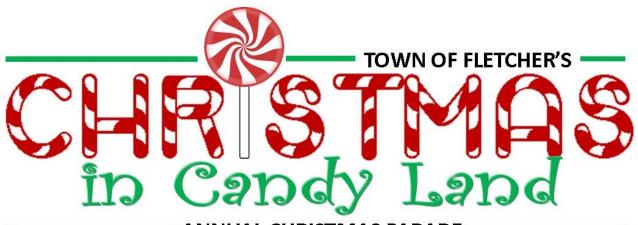
## Parade Dispersal

The Christmas Parade will end at Blue Sky Cafe (3987 Hendersonville Rd.) Single vehicle entries will be asked to continue down HWY 25 to exit the parade area. Walking groups will be asked to leave the roadway to the right onto the side walks. Floats/Trailers carrying groups will be directed to an unloading area to unload passengers on the right of HWY 25. Please follow directions from parade staff and please be cau-

## Road Closures

Beginning at 9 a.m. Old Airport Rd. will be closed to non parade vehicles and to non-local traffic. Only parade vehicles, local vehicles and vehicles dropping off participants will be allowed. Old Airport Rd. will remain closed until the last parade entry turns onto the parade route. HWY 25 will close beginning at 10 a.m. and remain closed until all entries have finished the parade route.





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

## Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

Line-up **NO LATER** than 9:45 a.m. on Old Airport Rd, parade begins at 10:30 a.m. \* If using a trailer/float please be in place **no later than 9:15 a.m.** 

#### Business/Organization/Individual's Name:

**Contact Name:** 

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

**Daytime Phone #:** 

Evening Phone #:

Email Address:

#### Please select the parade category that best fits your organization and describe your entry.

| Parade Category:                        | Entry Description:<br>(Ex: Walkers, Truck w/ Trailer, Bikes, etc.) | Fee: (Due at registration.) | Total: |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--------|
| Commercial/Business Entry               |  | \$25                        |        |
| FABA Member                             |  | \$15                        |        |
| Non-Profit/Religious Organization       |  | FREE                        |        |
| School/Youth Group/Band                 |  | FREE                        |        |
| Fire/Emergency Vehicle                  |  | FREE                        |        |
| Dignitary                               |  | FREE                        |        |
| Antique Vehicle                         |  | FREE                        |        |
| Horse Entry (Must provide own clean up) |  | FREE                        |        |
| Other (Please describe)                 |  |                             |        |
| Total Fee:                              |  |                             |        |

## **Agreement of Terms:**

- I/We agree to the rules and regulations of the Fletcher Christmas Parade.
- My/Our entry will be decorated with the decided upon Parade Theme, "Christmas Around the World"
- I/We understand that the entry fee (if applicable) will be forfeited and I/We will not be allowed to participate in the Christmas Parade if any of the rules and regulations are violated.
- I/We have insurance and My/Our signature denotes that I/We will specifically agree to defend and hold harmless the Town of Fletcher from all claims of bodily injury and/or property loss arising out of participation of this contract.

Signature:

Date:

# **Application Deadline: Monday, November 28, 2016**

Please return completed application and applicable fees to Fletcher Town Hall:

#### Mail Entry Form/Fee to:

Fletcher Christmas Parade Attn: Nicole Sweat 300 Old Cane Creek Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732 Nicole Sweat, Recreation Program Supervisor Phone: (828) 687-0751 Fax: (828) 687-7133 Email: n.sweat@fletchernc.org

#### Line-Up Numbers:

All participants may check online at www.FletcherParks.org or call Town Hall at (828) 687-0751 beginning Monday, December 5th for parade line-up number.



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