

**NORTH CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI REALTORS®**

**PRESENT**

**2018 City of Oxford Christmas Parade**

**“An Old- Fashioned Hometown Christmas”**

**Parade Date: Monday, Dec. 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. Inclement Weather Date: Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**PARADE APPLICATION**

Parade applications can be picked up at City Hall, 107 Courthouse Square, at North Central MS Realtors (NCRM) office at 1202 Office Park Drive, Suite C, or at the Oxford Chamber of Commerce at 299 West Jackson. They can be downloaded at [oxfordms.net](http://oxfordms.net), or [www.usamls.net/ncentral](http://www.usamls.net/ncentral) and turned in at any of the three sites listed above.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FLOAT \_\_\_\_\_

Circle any that apply: PEDESTRIAN/DANCERS – BAND – FLOAT – VEHICLE - EQUESTRIAN

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_ WILL YOU HAVE MUSIC? \_\_\_\_ (Y) \_\_\_\_ (N)

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (PRIMARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to contact Linda Allgood at 281-1360 or 816-0427 or Ashley Atkinson at 832-2087 with any questions

**ENTRY DEADLINE – November 16, 2018, at  
5:00pm-THERE WILL BE NO LATE OR  
ONSITE ENTRIES ALLOWED**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

Return entry form in person to City Hall, the NCRM Office, or  
Chamber of Commerce Office

They may also be mailed to  
North Central Mississippi REALTORS  
1202 Office Park Drive, Suite C  
Oxford, MS 38655  
[ncmbroxford@gmail.com](mailto:ncmbroxford@gmail.com)

City Hall  
107 Courthouse Square  
Oxford, MS 38655  
662-232-2337 (Fax)  
[aatkinson@oxfordms.net](mailto:aatkinson@oxfordms.net)

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES AND INFORMATION**

**The following information and rules must be read and acknowledged at the bottom by the contact person listed on the entry form.**

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES WILL RESULT IN EJECTION FROM THE PARADE**

1. **VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE PARADE ROUTE THIS YEAR:**

Due to not being able to use Mid-town Shopping Center for staging this year, the City of Oxford Mayor and Board of Aldermen have approved the following changes for the parade route. A copy of the map with these changes outlined is attached.

- a. The parade will stage on University Avenue at the entrance to campus.
- b. Starting at 3pm on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oxford Police will close the street and all access will be through Old Taylor Road or Gertrude Ford Parking Lot. The parade will go up University Avenue, turning left at South Lamar, proceeding around the City Hall side of the Square, down North Lamar and ending at the intersection of Price Street and North Lamar. Price Street will be used for groups to make their way to the Oxford Activity Center for pickup of the participants. This maintains the same basic route as previous years, just in reverse, allows no issues with any businesses, or individual homes for access to private property and the length of the parade route is a little shorter.
- c. **\*\*\*\*\*DUE TO THE ROUTE CHANGE, THERE IS NO AREA FOR A GROUP OR FLOAT TO LEAVE THE PARADE ROUTE EARLY. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE ROUTE. THERE WILL BE POLICE OFFICERS AND PARADE MARSHALS STAGED ALONG THE ROUTE TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING KEEPS MOVING AND TO ASSIST THE PARTICIPANTS\*\*\*\*\***

2. **THEME:** This year's parade theme is "An Old- Fashioned Hometown Christmas".

3. **FLOATS AND OTHER ENTRIES:** All floats should be decorated appropriately.

- a. Anyone dropping off participants for floats may do so at the corner of Old Taylor and University Avenue. Groups of performers or walkers may be dropped in the Gertrude Ford Parking Lot in designated areas. We will provide a sign for each participating group to be easy to find. The Oxford Activity Center is the pickup point afterwards for everyone.
- b. All entries will need to have a designated member check in upon arrival at the tent on the corner of University/Old Taylor. It will be clearly marked. Parade volunteers will show you to your assigned spot. Participants can start arriving at 3pm but no earlier. Before 3pm the street is open to traffic and there is no area for parking. All motorized entries must be in their assigned spots no later than 6pm. All walking groups, those riding the floats or performers must be in their assigned spots by 6:15. Once the parade begins no late arrivals will be allowed to join.
- c. Floats and performers will be judged as the parade goes around the Square area. Please make sure your Float Name is clearly visible if you wish to be judged. The top three (3) floats as determined by the judges will receive a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy. Trophies will also be given for "Best Unique Vehicle", and "Best Live Performance Group". Winners will be

announced the following day and trophies can be picked up at the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

- d. **Firearms and dangerous behavior are prohibited.**
- e. **Careless driving will not be tolerated.**
- f. **All performances must be family friendly and Holiday themed. No lewd acts or music will be allowed. All performances must take place in a timeframe so as not to hold up the progress of the parade and all attire must be appropriate for the event.**
- g. **All floats must have walkers attending for safety.**
- h. **Any personal vehicles such as ATVs or trucks must be decorated accordingly, (the only exceptions are vehicles carrying individuals such as the Grand Marshal or pageant winners)**
- i. **Equestrian applicants must contact Jimmy Allgood, City of Oxford, before turning in an application to be informed of specific issues due to the route change. You may reach him at 662-816-7469 to go over these specifics.**

#### **4. SANTA – CANDY**

- a. **THERE IS ONLY ONE SANTA ALLOWED AND HE WILL BE ON THE LAST FLOAT. No other Santa will be allowed to participate in the parade.**
  - b. **Any candy must be handed out by the walkers and no candy may be thrown due to safety concerns.**
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The North Central Mississippi REALTORS® and the City of Oxford want this experience to be fun, family friendly, and showcase the wonderful groups in our area while ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone involved from volunteers, to participants, to the public.

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to the rules. This is the only way to make this a truly memorable experience for all.

PLEASE PRINT NAME BELOW

I \_\_\_\_\_, as the contact person for the group on this application, acknowledge that I have read and conveyed to our appropriate participants the rules and information for the Oxford Christmas Parade as outlined above. We agree to abide by the terms of participation and understand that violating these rules will result in our group being ejected from the parade. We will follow the direction of the Parade Marshals and the Oxford Police Department to ensure our safety and that of the others.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**University Ave. Route**  
1.78 miles

**Pick up Area**

**Staging Area**

**Parade Route**

