



Thank you for your participation in our Downtown El Reno Christmas Parade!

Parade Event Info:

Date: Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024

Start Time: 5:00pm

Theme: Classic Christmas Movies

CASH PRIZES will be announced at the Petree Plaza Community Tree Lighting immediately following the parade.

Parade Line Up Info:

Line Up Location: Foreman & Foster (see map)

Line Up Time: 4:15pm-4:45pm

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After the Parade:

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony

Performances from Dance Etiquette, The Pride of El Reno, & Lincoln Choir members

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Meet & Greets from 6pm-8pm

Santa: ERMS Office / 119 S. Rock Island Ave.

Grinch: Centre Theatre / 110 S. Bickford

PLUS Hot Chocolate & Snacks from EHS Band Parents in Youngheim Plaza, hair tinsel at Fringe, special promotions at Downtown Businesses, face painting at 117 S. Bickford, & more!

Important Reminders:

- Parade starts PROMPTLY at 5:00PM
- You will need to be in place and ready to go by 4:45PM
- Decorations, lighting and signage are your responsibility.
- In case of an emergency, pull to the right to provide access for emergency vehicles.
- **FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY DO NOT THROW ANYTHING FROM YOUR FLOAT. You may walk along and hand out candy. Your float will be disqualified from the best float contest if you throw candy. DO NOT DUMP CANDY OUT ON THE STREET. Hand to hand is the only acceptable way to give candy.**
- **No Santa costumes. The Real Santa will be in attendance, and we don't want to confuse any of the children.**
- No Grinch costumes (unless previously discussed) for the same reason.
- Parade Winners will be announced at the Community Christmas Tree Lighting (Petree Plaza) immediately following the parade. Please plan to have someone present to accept your trophy and prize.

Route Info:

- The parade will go south on Rock Island to Russell. It will then turn west (right) on Russell and go to Bickford. It will then proceed north on Bickford to the point of origin. The trolley will enter at the intersection of Russell & S Bickford.
- The parade route entrance is at the intersection of FOREMAN & FOSTER. Upon arrival, please check in with the parade coordinator there.

Line Up/ Assembly Info:

- **FLOAT ENTRANCE: FOREMAN and FOSTER**
- The parade route entrance is at the intersection of FOREMAN & FOSTER. Upon arrival, please check in with the parade coordinator there. **PLEASE NOTE THE DESIGNATED ENTRANCE ON THE ATTACHED MAP. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE ASSEMBLY AREA FROM ANYWHERE ELSE.**
- PLEASE ISSUE CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS ON YOUR FLOAT (make flyers for parents who will be bringing children). You may check in as early as 4:15pm, no earlier.

Entrance access for floats is at FOREMAN and FOSTER access area – all other streets will be blocked! ONLY FLOATS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THIS CHECK POINT.

One of the biggest problems in the past has been the number of children dropped off at the float entrance. If you have some who are not on the float when you enter, we have designated an area for drop off. The participants will need to walk to their float from the drop off area.

- **WALKER/RIDER DROP OFF:**
- For walkers and parade riders that are not entering with the float please note the drop off area on the map.
- Cars dropping off and/or picking up can enter E Penn & N Hoff and will exit at Macomb. (LOOK FOR SIGNS)
- You may NOT park your cars and walk your kids in, this is a drop off and pickup area only.
- Please have someone in your group waiting for the children that are being dropped off. Parade workers will not know float locations.

Keep in mind that because of street closings, it may take longer to get to the assembly area and plan accordingly.

All HORSE TRAILERS must unload in the area on Foreman Street on the northwest side of the bottom of the bridge. ENTER AT FOSTER AND FOREMAN.

YOU MUST FINISH THE PARADE - DO NOT STOP ON PARADE ROUTE AND LET RIDERS OFF, AS WELL AS WALKERS. THIS IS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY RETURN TO FOREMAN BEFORE UNLOADING. RIDERS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE SAME PLACE THEY WERE DROPPED OFF. ANY FLOATS THAT STOP AND UNLOAD PRIOR TO FINISHING THE PARADE ON FOREMAN WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE PARADE CONTEST.

PARADE ORDER -

BEGIN THE PARADE WITH:

***Line up IN THE ORDER BELOW between Choctaw and Rock Island Facing Rock Island Ave./East**

**El Reno Police Department
Boy/girl/cub scouts with flag
El Reno High School Band
El Reno Fire Department
Canadian County Sheriff's Department
Canadian County Emergency Mgmt
Pafford Medical Services
All Wrecker Services**

***Line up IN THE ORDER BELOW facing Rock Island Ave./West**

All motorcycle and ATV groups

All car groups

All tractor groups

****The Heritage Express Trolley (join in at Bickford/Russell)**

FIRST GROUP: Floats with Noise line up on the south side of Foreman

SECOND GROUP: Floats without Noise line up on the North side of Foreman

LAST GROUP: All horse groups go last & **Santa is at the very end**

****The Heritage Express Trolley (join in at Bickford/Russell)**