## ALEXANDER COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

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It's that time of year, when the thoughts of beach umbrellas turn to snow and icicles! Seems like a long time off, but for the Planning Committee of the Alexander County Christmas Parade is well underway! The 72nd Edition of the annual event is on the calendar for the first Saturday in December – **DECEMBER 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** You need to begin NOW planning for the Holiday Season within your business, civic organization, church group, or athletic team. We all get busier than humanly possible, and things get crowded out. We do NOT want this to happen to you and this year's edition of the Alexander County Christmas Parade.

The holiday parade is a huge part of the framework and fabric of our community and its preparations for the holidays! We want YOU to be a part of the festivities and excitement. The Planning Committee has been at work since last year's parade evaluating last year's version, kinks and problems that occurred, and how to maximize the successes and results!

The Annual Christmas Parade started in 1947, so this will be the 72nd version of the annual holiday parade! Seventy years is a long time to celebrate the excitement of the holidays and to find new and creative ways to showcase our community and its citizens! This is the time for everyone to get excited and involved in supporting this worthwhile venture for the young and old of our county!

This e-mail contains a number of documents (SIX (6) In total). Each one needs your attention is plan to participate in the 2018 Christmas Parade. Please find attached: Floats 2018 (for commercial float renters ONLY), Fees and Guidelines 2018, Parade Entry Form 2018, Rules 2018, Radio Info 2018, and Release Form 2018 (for persons driving go-carts, motorcycles, and riding horses ONLY.)

Please make checks payable to the ALEXANDER COUNTY GOVERNMENT and return your forms and payment to Julie Campbell at the Ag Extension office in Taylorsville. Ag Extension is located behind First Baptist before you arrive at the Board of Elections, and near the Health Department.

Sign up NOW! Do not wait! Fees will be going up, and you don't want to pay a higher fee, just because you postponed your decision to participate! NOW is the time to get your spot in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alexander County Christmas Parade!

Happy Holidays!

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