



# Downtown Tinley's 26th Annual

## Parade of Lights Sunday, December 8, 2024

*Presented by*



***Happy Holidays!***

We are very excited to be hosting the 26th Annual Parade of Lights in Downtown Tinley Park on Sunday, December 8, 2024. The Parade of Lights is one of Tinley Park's earliest traditions during the holiday season, created to bring the community together and highlight local businesses.

The Parade of Lights is a great opportunity to present your organization or business to the community in a unique way as we kick-off the Holiday Season! The following packet is filled with requirements for participating in the parade.

**Prizes will be awarded to the entries under the following categories for 2024:**

**Best Use of Lights and Décor  
Best Community Group Entry  
Best Business Entry  
Judge's Choice**

You are encouraged to decorate in the holiday spirit—LIGHTS are important! This event will take place at dusk on Oak Park Avenue (between 177th and 172nd Streets). There is **ONLY ONE SANTA CLAUS** in the parade and he is invited in from the North Pole by the parade sponsors and organizers. Please do not include a Santa on your float.

We are looking forward to working with you and kicking off the 2024 Holiday Season by gathering the community together for this festive Parade! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce at 708-532-5700 or email [info@tinleychamber.org](mailto:info@tinleychamber.org).

# Parade of Lights Entry Form

Parade participants are expected to arrive at 4:00 on December 8 to line-up at the Tinley Center, located at 177th & Oak Park Avenue. The parade step-off will be at 5:00pm. Parade line-up information will be emailed the week before the Event. To participate, please complete the application below and return by **Monday, November 11, 2024**.

## YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN TWO WAYS:

### 1. ENTER A FLOAT IN THE PARADE

Veterans, Schools and Non-Profit Groups	Tinley Park Businesses and Tinley Park Chamber Members	Non-Tinley Park Business, Non-Chamber Members and Political Groups
\$30	\$70	\$100

TYPE OF FLOAT:       Amateur Float       Professional Float       Vehicle

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: \_\_\_\_\_

**We will only allot line-up space for the indicated vehicles.** Any additional vehicles that are not indicated on this application will NOT be permitted in the Parade line-up.

WE WILL BE PLAYING MUSIC: YES NO (Volume must be adjustable and appropriate)

**Changes to your entry can be made up to November 11, 2024. No changes will be allowed after this date.**

**\*Please include a two to three sentence announcement for parade organizers to read during the parade if you are entering a float\***

Announcement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. PUT A SIGN ON THE CHAMBER FLOAT

<b>SIGN</b>	Let the Chamber Float carry your Advertisement down Oak Park Avenue for thousands to see!	<b>\$100</b>
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ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Entry Form and payment to:** Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce, 17316 S. Oak Park Ave, Tinley Park, IL 60477 or email [Info@tinleychamber.org](mailto:Info@tinleychamber.org). Checks made payable to **Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce**.

Payment can be made via Credit Card over the phone: 708.532.5700.



# Parade Regulations



**There will be NO parking at the line-up site this year. We ask that groups carpool to line-up.**

**Oak Park Avenue will close at 5:30 pm – no thru traffic will be allowed after that point.**

**NO OPEN ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED ALONG PARADE ROUTE AND AT LINE-UP.**

*No entries will be accepted after the maximum amount of entries is met.*

- \* Oak Park Avenue will close 30 minutes before step-off, so plan accordingly.
- \* **NO OPEN ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED ON THE PARADE ROUTE OR LINE-UP AREA OR IN ANY OF THE VEHICLES!**
- \* **All floats with children must have at least two adults riding on the float.**
- \* All entries must be pre-registered with complete application form and designated fees.
- \* **Music** used on an entry is strongly encouraged and should be stated on the application. Volume must be adjustable and music must be appropriate for all ages.
- \* We encourage a fire extinguisher on each float in case of an emergency.
- \* Any vehicle or float deemed unsafe will be removed from the parade line-up.
- \* The Village of Tinley Park Police Department and Fire Department may exercise the authority to veto any aspect of the parade that they feel poses an unreasonable risk of injury or danger to the public.
- \* All vehicles must be clean and in good running condition.
- \* All drivers of floats or motorized vehicles must have proof of vehicle liability insurance and a **valid Illinois Drivers License** with the appropriate classification.
- \* Drivers of motorized vehicles must comply with all traffic laws and must refrain from excessive accelerations, wheelies and burn-outs.
- \* Parade participants may not jump from or onto floats or motorized vehicles during the parade.
- \* Make sure all the decorations on your float are properly secured. Keep extension cords away from wheels or other moving parts.
- \* Each unit must maintain a forward momentum and may not slow or stop the parade in any way. Units may not stop to perform anywhere along the parade route including for television cameras unless directed by the parade marshal or at the assigned reviewing stand.
- \* No ticker tape, silly string or confetti may be used on the parade route by parade participants during the parade.
- \* Firearms and squirt guns are not allowed except for those used by the Color Guard.
- \* The parade is **rain, snow or shine**, but the Parade Committee may cancel the parade due to inclement or life-threatening weather. The village designated police and emergency management contact will assist in making this determination.

**\* By submitting your completed entry form (and payment, if applicable) to the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce, you are accepting the above terms and will abide by the rules as specified above.**