



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When and where is the Parade of Lights?

The Parade of lights is a FREE event held in Downtown Champaign on Saturday, November 25 at 6:00 pm.

Is there anything to do before the Parade?

Yes there are tons of Pre- Parade activities!

- Mistletoe Market – Orpheum Theatre – 10a-6p
- Touch a Float sponsored by Tatman’s Towing – Washington and Walnut Parking Lot – 1-4pm with a sensory friendly viewing from 1-2
- Visits with Santa sponsored by Central Illinois Roofing – Big Grove Tavern – 2:30 – 5:15pm
- Beware of the Grinch sponsored by LAG – Downtown Champaign – 4-6pm
- Illuminate the Tree of Lights – M1 Plaza in front of Big Grove Tavern – 7:15pm

What route does the parade take?

The parade starts traveling South down Walnut before turning West on Chester and traveling North up Neil ending at Washington.

Where should I park to attend the parade?

There is parking all over Downtown Champaign including the Hill St Parking Garage, Neil and Washinton Parking Lot (parkers will not be able to leave from this lot during the parade), Busey Lot, Illinois Terminal, First St Parking Lot at the Police Station and various street spots.

Will there be candy thrown during the parade?

There will no candy or other handouts allowed to be given out during the actual parade. Candy will be given out by participating floats during our Touch a Float event at the Washington and Walnut Parking Lot from 1-4pm.

Will there be public bathrooms anywhere along the parade route?

Yes there will be one standard and one ADA porta potty at the intersection Park and Neil and two standard porta potties at the intersection of Taylor and Walnut.

Will there be a make-up date if it needs to be rescheduled?

This parade is advertised to occur rain or shine. In the event of lightning or freezing rain, the parade will be canceled with no rain date. We typically make this call at 2pm on the day of the parade. You can get find any updates regarding the parade on the Parade website at (<https://champaigncenter.com/parade-of-lights/>) or by checking out any of our social media pages.