

## CHRISTMAS PARADE **FLOAT IDEAS**

The Cambridge Santa Claus Parade will be taking place on **Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 6:00pm**. We are thrilled that you are interested in participating in the parade! At this time we wanted to share some tips. We will be sending further instructions closer to the day of the parade regarding logistics, timing, etc. So stay tuned!



It doesn't have to be expensive or complicated to create a beautiful and magical float. Christmas props such as evergreen trees and presents, lights (since it's a nighttime parade), costumes, music and enthusiastic volunteers help make your float a success!

### ***Here are some ideas to get you started:***

The most important thing is having fun! It's a great bonding experience for the volunteers to help build the float and participate the night of the parade.

- Past participants have used flatbed trucks, convertible cars, or even trucks as the base of their float. If you have a flatbed trailer but need a truck to pull it, we can put you in contact with someone who has graciously offered a truck and driver for the night of the parade.
- Be sure to include Christmas lights or other lighting since this night time parade to help things sparkle.
- Engage with some of your volunteers for ideas for the float theme and sketch out a basic layout how you would like the float to look.
- To make the float a little more festive, add some Christmas music. Be sure to let us know if you are adding music if you didn't originally indicated it on your registration form.
- Some props for the float could be decorated Christmas trees, a fireplace with stockings, presents and quilt batting or white bedspread to look like snow. As it might be windy that night, be sure to secure the props onto your float so that they don't fall off during the parade.
- Volunteers can dress up and ride on the float during the parade or walk along in their Christmas costumes. Be sure to dress for the weather as you will be outside for a few hours.

### **POSSIBLE THEMES:**

- ✦ A Christmas Carol
- ✦ Gingerbread House
- ✦ Winter Wonderland
- ✦ Christmas presents
- ✦ Santa's workshop
- ✦ Frosty the Snowman
- ✦ White Christmas

***Use your imagination to help spread the Christmas cheer!***