City of DUNEDIN Parks & Recreation

2026 Holiday Parade Application

Saturday, December 12, 2026

3:30 pm · Downtown Dunedin

Thank you for your interest in the City of Dunedin's annual Holiday Parade, presented in partnership by the Parks & Recreation Department and the Dunedin Youth Guild.

Participation is free, except for Commercial Units - $75 fee applies. Please complete the application below and review all guidelines. **Applications will not be accepted after Wednesday, November 25, 2026.**

All parade entries must have a representative attend an informative dinner and learn about the parade on Tuesday, December 8th at 6 PM at the Dunedin Community Center.

Today's Date _____ Your Name & Title _____

Business / Organization _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Email Address _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Type of Entry (check one): ◯ Non-Profit Organization Unit ◯ Band Unit ◯ Individual Unit
◯ Commercial Unit ($75. Payment must be made by November 25th.)

Parade Unit: ◯ Walking Only ◯ Vehicle/Float Only ◯ Walking with Vehicle/Float

Description of Unit or Float: _____

List any items you may be handing out: _____

Will you be playing holiday music: ◯ Yes ◯ No

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Walkers (max of 50): # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____ Total # of Walkers: _____

Riders: # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____ Total # of Riders: _____

Vehicle: Make, Model, Year & Color: _____

Vehicle Length (include truck and trailer length): _____

Vehicle is insured with: _____

Policy Number: _____

Please initial that you have read and will adhere to the following:

_____I have read, understand, and will adhere to all rules, policies and guidelines outlined on the following pages.

_____I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless City of Dunedin, its sponsors, officers, directors, agents and employees for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during or as a consequence of the parade.

Vehicles & Drivers:

_____I have included a copy of my Driver's License and Insurance Card.

_____I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage and liability, and to provide proof of such insurance to City of Dunedin. Businesses with commercial auto policies entering a float or operating a motor vehicle must provide the City of Dunedin with a Certificate of Insurance including $1,000,000 minimum liability coverage and naming the City of Dunedin as additionally insured.

_____ _____

Signature Date

Parade Packet Pick-Up:

All parade entries must have a representative attend an informative dinner and learn about the parade on Tuesday, December 8th 6 PM at the Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin, FL 34698.

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, November 25th:

By Mail or In Person:
Dunedin Parks & Recreation
Attn: Holiday Parade
1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin, FL 34698

By Email:
Alicia.Castricone@Dunedin.gov

Questions? Call 727-298-3265
Event Information & Details: www.Dunedin.gov/events

Parade FAQs and Guidelines

You are an important part of this event and the City of Dunedin puts safety first. As such, please review the following information carefully and completely.

If you have any questions, need more details, or have ideas for improvement, please email the Parade Committee at Alicia.Castricone@Dunedin.gov

General Rules & Guidelines:

1. The parade route runs north along Douglas Avenue, from Beltrees Street to Skinner Blvd/580.
2. All parade units are required to be decorated in the holiday theme. No Santas allowed as the official Santa will be on the City's fire truck/last parade unit.
3. All units are encouraged to include family-friendly amplified or live holiday music.
4. No throwing of ANY candy, items or promotional materials. All items and candy must be given out by hand to parade attendees/spectators. No lollipops or candy with sticks allowed.
5. All drivers/operators of any motorized vehicles must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and provide proof of a valid state-issued driver's license and proof of insurance, including carrier name and policy numbers. See attached "Vehicle Owner and Driver Form" – this form must be completed and accompany your parade application.
6. *Safety monitors:* Any unit using a vehicle/trailer that is longer than twenty (20) feet in length, four (4) safety monitors must be stationed at the corners of the unit at all times while the vehicle is moving. Towed units of less than twenty (20) feet require one (1) monitor on each side. Each safety monitor shall be equipped with an orange safety vest. The role of the safety monitors is to ensure that unit vehicles and participants stay together and not fall behind the flow of the parade while alerting the driver of any emergency requiring them to stop immediately. Said emergencies include, but are not limited to, equipment malfunctions, passengers falling from the vehicle, overhead obstructions endangering riders, parade viewers or parade participants coming too close to the vehicles. Safety monitors shall not consume any alcoholic beverages or hand out any items during the special event to any spectators along the parade route. Said items include but are not limited to beads, candy, fliers, and merchandise. Any vehicle fitting the description above that does not have the requisite number of safety monitors may be pulled out of a procession line until the safety monitor requirement can be met.
7. **All units with vehicles and generators must have a fire extinguisher on the unit. The fire extinguisher must say 2A10BC.**
8. Businesses with commercial auto policies entering a float or operating a motor vehicle must provide the City of Dunedin with a Certificate of Insurance including $1,000,000 minimum liability coverage and naming the City of Dunedin as additionally insured.
9. For the safety of our parade, participants and spectators, any unit that is determined to be unsafe by Parade Officials will not be allowed to participate.
10. **All parade entries must have a representative attending an informative dinner and learn about the parade on Tuesday, December 8th at 6 PM at the Dunedin Community Center.**

Line-Up & Staging Area:

1. Parade line-up begins at 2:00 PM. Refer to the parade packet for your assigned line-up number. Your entire unit must be in line before 3:00 PM. **Parade starts promptly at 3:30 PM.**
2. The staging area will be on Douglas Avenue, from Beltrees Street to Union Street.
3. VIP vehicles will be staged between the Hale Senior Activity Center and the VFW.
4. Fire trucks will be staged along the west side of Beltrees Street.
5. All floats should approach Douglas Avenue from the south via Union Street All units will find their parade number position plainly marked on numbered signs along Douglas Avenue. Even-numbered units line-up on the east side of Douglas Ave; odd-numbered units line- up on the west side of Douglas Avenue.
6. Vehicles with Band equipment only, enter Plaza Drive from Milwaukee Avenue. Park in the center bay of the Library parking lot.
7. All walking participants, including band members, must be dropped off in the Library parking lot. Take Milwaukee Avenue to Plaza Drive, turn onto Plaza Drive, follow signs to drop-off area. Then follow exit signs back out to Milwaukee Avenue.

Once the Parade Begins:

1. Keep moving! Do not stop to perform or mingle. Each entry **MUST keep pace** with the unit that precedes it to prevent gaps between units.
2. Once the parade is moving, **maintain a distance of ten (10) feet** behind the unit immediately ahead of you, unless otherwise instructed by a Parade Official. Parade Officials will be wearing orange vests.
3. Spectator and participant safety are of paramount importance. Therefore, due to the risk involved, and in an effort to prevent injuries, candy and other giveaways must be distributed by hand (by adults only) to the parade spectators rather than throwing it from moving vehicles/floats. **Do not throw any items with sharp edges or sticks**.
4. Everyone must **be behind the vehicle** and not interacting with the moving vehicle.
5. Drivers should be dressed in appropriate fashion to complement their entry.
6. This is a **drug-free, alcohol-free and smoke-free** event. All parade units and participants, including walkers, drivers and riders must refrain from such activity.

End of Parade / Disbanding of Units:

1. Walkers and Monitors should continue to the left of the “Parade End” sign and proceed north to Skinner Blvd. Monitors will assist walkers to the left.
   Turn left on the sidewalk to the Pinellas Trail. Continue down the trail back towards downtown.
2. Vehicles should continue to the right of the “Parade End” sign.
   a. Those that need to unload or fasten down their float - merge left between the cones to park. Once unloaded, vehicles can merge back into the proper lane, continue north on Douglas Avenue to Skinner Blvd and exit right.
   b. Those that do not need to stop - should continue to the right of the “Parade End” sign and continue north on Douglas Avenue to Skinner Blvd and exit right.