



BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION INVITES ALL TO THE
Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade

Come join the fun and celebrate the holiday season!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022
(RAIN DATE SUNDAY, Tree Lighting only Nov. 27th)
Small Business Saturday ~ Shop Local 10 AM-6 PM
***Parade Kick-off 6:30 PM**



Kick off the holiday season with an evening of festive lights and holiday cheer as the Branford Parks & Recreation Department invites everyone to the Annual Tree Lighting & Parade on the Branford Town Green. This year the parade will step off at 6:30 PM from Branford High School and march down East Main & Main Street, concluding with the tree lighting on the town green. All are welcomed to line the parade route. Those who would like to join in on the fun and participate in the parade, carrying a festive banner, creating a float, or wearing holiday costumes, are required to submit a participation form, which can be found online at: www.branfordrecreation.org. Forms must be received no later than Friday, November 18, 2022. All marchers MUST submit a form and follow all parade rules.

Schedule of Events

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM ~ Shop Small Business Saturday - Shop Branford Local!

6:30 PM ~ Parade Kickoff

7:15 PM ~ Holiday Tree Lighting

Bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Branford Food Council. HELP US FILL THE CARTS!

For more information visit www.branfordrecreation.org or call 203-488-8304

Special thanks to Branford Public Works, Branford Police & Fire Departments, the Town of Branford, Main Street Merchants, J. Witkowsky & Sons Tree Service, Guilford Fence, VanWilgen's Garden Center, Flower Wonderland and the many volunteers for making this a wonderful holiday community event.

BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL BRANFORD HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & PARADE PARTICIPATION FORM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 2022 (RAIN DATE * Tree Lighting only SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022) MUST BE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 5:30 PM * PARADE STARTS AT 6:30 PM

Be creative...carry festive banners, wear costumes, carry battery operated candles, create a float...a school float, a family float, a neighborhood float, a float representing your organization, your business, your religion. The sky is the limit. Have fun and join the parade. Just remember to be creative...Santa and Mrs. Claus from the North Pole, along with Rudolph will be on-site finishing off our parade. Please keep this in mind as we only want the one Santa. Thank you. We look forward to having as many floats and marchers as possible. (* NOTE: All Participants MUST register by November 18th! See below for more information.)

Please fill out the following information. (Please print clearly).

Contact Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____@_____ . _____

Best Contact Phone Number : (_____) _____

Approximate size of group: _____

Please Check Float Marching Both

Group/ Float Theme: Please write a brief description of what you are planning to do (i.e. singing songs, costumes, signs, designing a float, theme)

NOTE: Flat bed trucks are **NOT** allowed. Pick-up trucks, landscaping trailers, vans, cars, etc are acceptable. If you have any questions, please call the office at 203.488.8304

Please read the following rules carefully so that everyone remains safe: You are responsible for making sure that your group follows these rules.

1. NO throwing of any objects for your float, vehicle, walking etc. (i.e. candy, necklaces, toys, etc.)
2. All Participants must follow all local COVID protocols. All unvaccinated participants should adhere to social distancing and wearing masks when unable to social distance.
3. NO one is allowed to dangle their feet or hang on the sides of any vehicle.
4. A minimum of two adults MUST walk alongside of each float.
5. The speed limit is no more than 10 miles per hour during the parade and when you travel back to the High School.
6. All parade participants are responsible for cleaning up their float and discarding all trash. Nothing should be left behind!
7. Please be safe, have fun and enjoy the holiday season!!!
8. ONLY floats / vehicles that are in the parade will be allowed in the staging area. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** All parade participants will be asked to park in designated areas and walk to the staging area.

Please Sign: I _____ have read the all of
(print your name)
the above rules and agree to following all rules as written.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Please return this form by mail, fax or email to recreation@branford-ct.gov no later than November 18, 2022 to:
Branford Parks & Recreation Dept. 46 Church St.
Branford, CT 06405
Questions: (O) 203.488.8304 (F) 203.315.4017