



# Rotonda West Association

**Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 10:00 am**

**Theme – “Christmas in Paradise”**

**Be creative- What is Paradise to you?**



**PARADE ROUTE:** The parade will stage at Fellowship Church parking lot at Rotonda West Blvd.. It will travel east along Parade Circle then North on Rotonda Blvd North, turn east on Rotonda Circle to the Rotonda West Community Center at 646 Rotonda Circle.

**Santa has already agreed to be part of this event. Please DO NOT include a live impersonator as part of your entry. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Entry Deadline is**  
**Monday November 23, 2026 at 4:00 pm**

**Complete parade packages and instructions will be emailed to each group.**

There is **no entry fee** for the parade.

In the event of heavy rain and lightning , the parade will be cancelled.

For insurance purposes, float/vehicle participants **CANNOT** throw any candy, beads or other items off the float/vehicle on the parade route. You **can** walk and distribute.  
State law requires each operator of a towing vehicle be responsible for seeing that their trailer is properly secured, and safety chains are provided. (FL Statute 316.530)



## Christmas Parade 2026

**Please Print**

Type of Entry (use additional paper if necessary)

- ☐ Church/Civic Group/Non-profit Organizations
- ☐ School Bands & Marching Units
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization/Business/ Family/Participant:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact **at** the Parade: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry. Please **check all that apply**.

- ☐ Walking: Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Float: Platform on wheels bearing a decorated display pulled by a vehicle.
- Float dimensions including towing vehicle: Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft.
  - No. of participants riding on float \_\_\_\_\_
  - No. of chaperones for minors riding on float other than the driver \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Automobile: No. of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle type(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Average Length \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other: Golf Cart \_\_\_\_\_ ATV \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycle \_\_\_\_\_ Misc. (Please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parade unit include animals? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parade unit include music? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ /Live \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Arrive on time --- staging begins at 8:30 am. Plan to arrive at staging area between 8:30am and 8:45 am. The parade begins promptly at 10:00 am. A bullhorn announcement will be made 10 minutes before the parade begins. The fire truck will sound its siren at the start of the parade.
2. Candy, beads, and other items **cannot be tossed** from any vehicle.
3. Stay in the assigned order unless specifically directed by a parade official.
4. Follow a straight course along the route in a cautious and safe manner.
5. Riding on and/or jumping from the hood, roof, trunk, or door frames of any vehicle is prohibited.
6. Sound systems should be placed with speakers facing the sides of the unit to minimize interference with other parade participants.
7. All units/vehicles must proceed past the end of the parade route to disembark location at the Rotonda West Community Center before stopping and/or unloading. Breakdown of floats cannot be completed on the roadway.
8. Units will have the opportunity to temporarily stop in the judge's zone for viewing and judging. If entertainment is part of your participation, you will be limited to thirty (30) seconds to perform, otherwise keep the procession moving.
9. Santa impersonators are **strictly prohibited** and will be asked to either remove the costume or leave the parade. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

### Agreement/Waiver of Participation

The organization and individuals involved agree to the above rules and regulations and assume all risk, injury or damage to persons or property which may arise by virtue of the entrant's participation in the Rotonda West Christmas Parade. The undersigned, individually, and on behalf of all members, guests and participants hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Rotonda West Association, the Parade Committee, staff and volunteers for any loss, damage, or injury, which may occur during this event.

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Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Do you want to be judged for awards? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Award Categories are: \*Best Use of Theme

\*Best Performance

\*Best Organization (Club, Civic, Religious, Non-profit)

\*Best Commercial Business

\* Best Theme Decorated Golf Cart

### Parade Unit Information

Entry Description

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: Must be a Christmas Holiday theme or related to the  
theme: "Christmas in Paradise"

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor (if different from the organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief description of your entry. This will be read by an announcer during the  
parade judging. Please print clearly or type.

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Mail or drop off during business hours the completed & signed Entry Form

TO: Rotonda West Association- Community Outreach Committee

Christmas Parade Committee

646 Rotonda Circle

Rotonda West, FL 33947

Or

Complete the registration form on the RWA website under Christmas Parade

Or

Scan and email to [parade@rotondawest.org](mailto:parade@rotondawest.org)

**Questions:** Call Pam at 616-540-7557 or email [parade@rotondawest.org](mailto:parade@rotondawest.org)