

🎄 Revive Virginia's Twilight Holiday Parade 🎄

Get Ready for a Magical Evening in Downtown Virginia!

There's no better way to kick off the holiday season than by joining the **Twilight Holiday Parade** in downtown Virginia on **Saturday, November 21, 2026!**

This beloved annual tradition promises an enchanting evening filled with dazzling lights, festive music, and plenty of community cheer. And don't head home too soon—stick around after the parade for a **spectacular fireworks show over Silver Lake at 6:15 p.m.!**

🌟 Parade Highlights

- **Parade Start:** 5:15 p.m., just as twilight sets in, creating the perfect backdrop for glowing floats and holiday spirit.
- **Festive Entries:** Expect a lively lineup featuring floats, fire trucks, horses, civic organizations, dance groups, walking crews, and more!
- **Grand Finale:** The excitement builds to a heartwarming finale with **Santa Claus himself arriving on a fire truck!**
- **Fireworks:** Cap off the evening with a spectacular fireworks display over Silver Lake at 6:15 p.m.

🔍 Event Details at a Glance

- **Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2026
- **Assembly Time:** 4:00–5:00 p.m.
- **Parade Start Time:** 5:15 p.m. sharp
- **Assembly Area:** 100 Block of Chestnut Street
- **Lineup Location:** Railroad Avenue & Chestnut Street intersection

🚗 Parade Route

We will line up at the **Railroad Avenue & Chestnut Street intersection**, then proceed down Chestnut Street to 5th Avenue. Turn left onto 5th Avenue and continue to 4th Street South, past Northstar Elementary.

Important for drivers: Please make the turn onto **4th Street South** before allowing riders to disembark.

🎪 Want to Join the Parade?

Everyone is welcome to participate! Whether you're part of a group, a business, or simply looking to spread some holiday cheer, bring your lights, music, and creativity and join the fun!

📄 Complete an Entry Form Today!

Parade entry forms are available at www.ReviveVirginiaMN.com, or contact **Pam at (218) 749-3579** for more information. This year's Twilight Holiday Parade is sure to be a joyful celebration of community spirit, festive lights, and winter magic.

Don't miss your chance to be part of one of Virginia's most beloved holiday traditions!

Revive Virginia Twilight Holiday Parade Rules & Regulations

All entrants must observe the following rules and regulations. Participants must follow instructions from police and parade officials at all times or risk removal from the parade. The Revive Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant before assembly, during assembly, or at any time during the parade.

General Rules

1. Personal vehicles pulling floats or transporting pageant entrants are allowed. Antique vehicles and organized specialty car groups are encouraged.
2. All marching units must maintain forward motion. Forward-motion routines only are permitted. No unit may stop to perform except in areas designated by the Parade Committee, and performance stops may not exceed 90 seconds.
3. A minimum of 50 feet must be maintained between each unit. Parade officials may instruct units to close gaps, and failure to comply may result in removal.
4. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on floats, in vehicles, or by participants. Anyone consuming alcohol before or during the parade will be removed. All local, county, and Minnesota State statutes on alcohol consumption will be strictly enforced.
5. Drivers of all parade vehicles must:
 - a. Be at least 18 years old
 - b. Hold a valid driver's license
 - c. Carry liability vehicle insurance
6. Livestock, reptiles, or other animals are not permitted unless special written approval is obtained from the Parade Committee. If approved, units must include a cleanup person along the route
7. The use of high-intensity sound-making devices is strongly discouraged. All sound must:
 - a. Be pre-approved by the Parade Committee
 - b. Be kept at a reasonable level
 - c. Feature holiday-themed music only
 - d. Parade officials may require sound to be lowered or turned off.
 - e. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal and may affect future participation.
8. Costumes, floats, or performances must:
 - a. Align with the parade's holiday theme
 - b. Meet community standards of public taste
 - c. Exclude portrayals of Santa Claus (the Committee secures the official parade Santa)
 - d. Non-compliant entries may be removed.
9. The decisions of the Revive Virginia Twilight Holiday Parade Committee regarding all entries are final.
10. The Parade Committee is not responsible for travel, food, or lodging expenses of participants.
11. The Parade Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry.

Floats

1. Vehicles pulling floats should be decorated and incorporated into the float design.
2. All floats must be decorated according to the holiday theme.
3. Decorations or construction materials may not protrude from the sides of floats. All electrical devices must be properly grounded.
4. **No participant may dress as Santa Claus.**
5. Safety requirements:
 - a. No one may jump onto or off a float during the parade. Participants can walk along side the floats.
 - b. Float capacity limits must not be exceeded
 - c. No dismounting along the parade route
 - d. No body parts (arms, legs, feet, etc.) may extend past the float's edges — this is a serious safety hazard
6. Only the Parade Committee will provide the official Santa Claus. **No additional Santas are permitted.**
7. Recommended float platforms: at least 7 feet wide and 15 feet long, with a fixed rear axle and a steerable front axle. Farm wagons are ideal; single or tandem-axle trailers are to be used with caution, as you will need to make a turn at 5th Avenue & Chestnut Street.

Bands & Marching Units

1. All marching units must maintain continuous forward motion. Routines that create gaps are not permitted.
2. Performance stops are allowed only in designated areas and may not exceed 90 seconds.
3. All members of marching units must be at least 10 years old. Participants should wear holiday-themed attire. No participants may dress as Santa Claus.
4. Vehicles may not accompany marching units without written approval.

Kings & Queens

1. Kings and Queens from elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, colleges, or recognized community pageants may participate at the discretion of the Parade Committee.
2. Kings and Queens must provide their own convertibles. Drivers must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid driver's license.
3. A maximum of two passengers per vehicle is suggested if not using a trailer or float(not including the driver).
4. All Kings and Queens must represent an official school or community pageant.

Lineup

1. All entries will be assigned a lineup number after their application is received and approved.
2. Detailed instructions for lineup and staging will be provided at that time.

Parade Route

1. **New Parade Route!** The parade route has been extended this year. Lineup will begin at the Railroad Avenue & Chestnut Street intersection (same as previous years).
2. From there, the parade will proceed west down Chestnut Street to 5th Avenue, turn left onto 5th Avenue, and continue to 4th Street South, passing Northstar Elementary School.
3. Parade Marshals will provide guidance along the route to ensure smooth flow and safe dismounting areas.



We Hope You Will Join Us!

We look forward to a safe, festive, and fun parade for all ages! With our new, longer route, more community members and families will have the chance to enjoy the sights, sounds, and spirit of the season.

Thank you for helping us make the Revive Virginia Twilight Holiday Parade a joyful tradition that continues to grow each year!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pamela at (218) 749-3579 or Britt at (218) 780-5776.



8th Annual Twilight Holiday Parade 2026

In Historic Downtown Virginia, MN

Saturday, November 21, 2026 ★ Parade starts at 5:15 p.m. sharp!

PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Entry or Unit: _____

Detailed Unit Description (float, car, truck, semi, walkers, animals, marching band, vintage car, etc.):

Number of people in your group: _____ Number of animals in your group: _____

Are you handing out candy or other items during parade? Yes _____ No _____

(Please include a copy of any printed material being distributed in the parade with your form.)

Special requests: _____

Please include a few interesting facts about your entry for our parade emcees and promotions:

Authorized Signature: _____

Please Print Name: _____ Date: _____

(Please submit by November 13, 2026 to Attn: Pamela LaBine-Revive Virginia c/o City Hall, 327 1st Street South, Virginia MN 55792)

The undersigned agrees to participate in the Twilight Parade on November 22, 2025, and further agrees to abide by all rules and regulations, cooperating fully to help ensure the success of the parade. You and your group affirm that the information provided is complete and truthful. You also agree, without exception, to indemnify and hold harmless the Revive Virginia Committee, Inc., the City of Virginia, and all committee and staff members from any damage, injury, or loss to any person or property arising from your participation in the parade. The Revive Virginia Committee, Inc. and the City of Virginia shall not be held liable for accidents, damage to equipment, theft, or loss of items. Thank you for your participation!