



The Parade of Lights kicks off Concord's beloved annual shopping event, Midnight Merriment, where businesses stay open until midnight, creating a fun opportunity for local holiday shopping downtown. This festive addition sets the tone for a charming evening, drawing the community together in a fun way.

Date Friday, December 6, 5:30 pm-6:00 pm

Entry fee: \$25/ a portion of the proceeds will go to a local Non-profit

Staging Vehicle Area: Christ the King, 72 S. Main Street- Back lot next to the school

Vehicle Participant Arrival Time: 3:30 pm

Coordinators: DJ Nazy

Walking Groups Staging Area: The Hotel Concord (outside)

Walking Group Arrival Time: 4:30 pm

Coordinator: Beth Mulleavey

1. Participation Guidelines

- **Eligibility:** Open to community groups, local businesses, schools, and nonprofits. No more than 25 participants.
- **Vehicle and Float Requirements:**
 - All vehicles must be decorated with holiday lights and festive décor.
 - Floats should be safe, sturdy, and stable. Towing vehicles should also be decorated if possible.
 - Spotters/walkers alongside floats are highly encouraged. We recommend 2 walkers (1 on each side of the street) for every 10 ft of float.
- **Walking Groups:**



- Marching bands, dancers, and walking groups are encouraged to wear illuminated clothing or carry lighted props.
- Walking groups will park at the Storrs Street Garage and meet the coordinator in front of The Hotel Concord.
- **Safety Gear:** Ensure all participants wear bright clothing, reflective gear, or carry flashlights. Walking participants should not interfere with the path of moving vehicles.

2. Lighting Requirements

- **LED Lights:** All floats, vehicles, and participants must use energy-efficient LED lights to minimize fire hazards and reduce energy consumption.
- **Minimum Lighting Standard:** Establish a minimum number of lights for each float or vehicle to ensure the parade is visibly bright and festive.

3. Safety Measures

- **Fire Extinguishers:** Each float should have a fire extinguisher on board.
- **Driver Requirements:**
 - All drivers must have a valid license and be sober throughout the event.
 - Drivers must drive slowly and cautiously to ensure safety for all participants and spectators.
- **Walking Safety:** Enforce a minimum distance between walking participants and moving vehicles to prevent accidents.
- **First Aid:** A first aid station should be set up, and emergency medical personnel should be on hand.

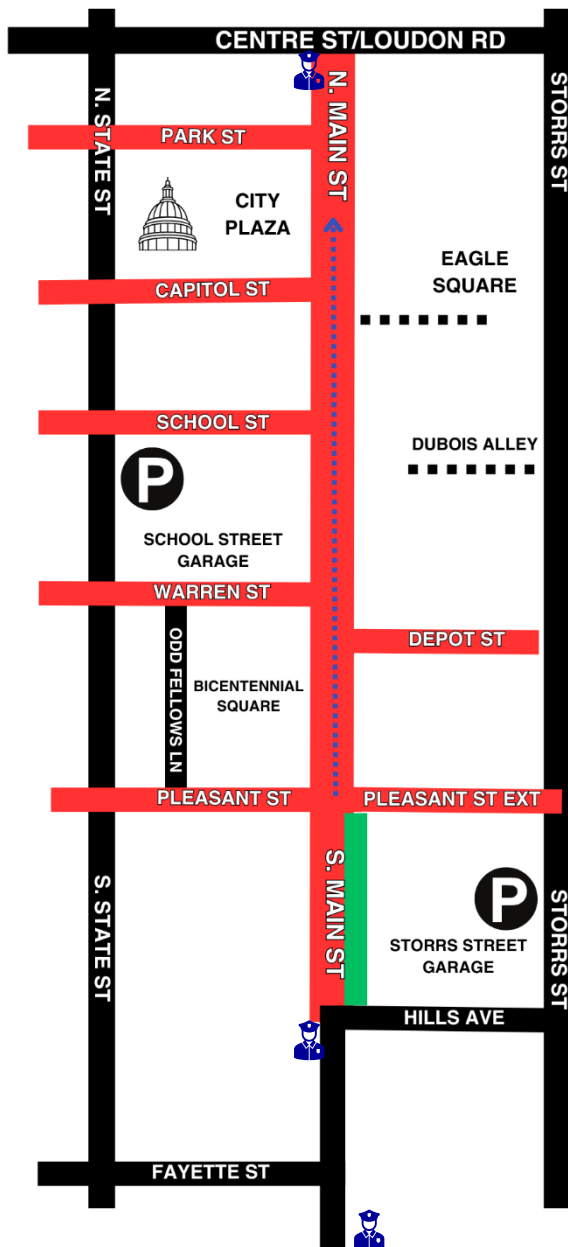
4. Parade Route



- **Start and End Locations:** The Parade of Lights will begin at The Hotel Concord and end at The State House. Individuals picking up parade members should report to Capitol Street where the walking groups will be directed following the parade. Vehicles should exit the parade via Park Street or Centre Street/Loudon Rd. where a volunteer and an officer will be stationed.

5. Rules for Participants

- **No Throwing Items:** Participants should not throw candy or other items from floats to avoid safety risks. Handing out items is allowed.
- **No Open Flames:** Due to fire risks, no open flames are allowed on any float or vehicle.
- **Music and Sound:** Holiday-themed music is encouraged. Ensure sound systems are tested to avoid volume issues.
- **Waste Management:** Participants must clean up any trash generated during the parade.



MIDNIGHT MERRIMENT STREET CLOSURE

PARADE OF LIGHTS
5:30 -6:00 PM

Street Closed- 4:00-6:30 pm

Parade Staging Area-
4:30-5:30 pm

