



We have once again been invited to participate in the annual Johns Creek Founders Day (Holiday) Parade scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1. We participated in the parade for the first time in 2016 and the City has requested that we come back.

Past parades have included floats built by civic groups, scouts, businesses, and homeowners associations. Other participants have included marching bands, entertaining walkers, horse riders, the World Financial Group's NASCAR racecar, the Oscar-Mayer Wienermobile, the Marine Corps Color Guard, the Feed and Seed Marching Abominables, the Wells Fargo stagecoach, Medieval Times, Shriners units, and the Patriot Brass Band.

This year's theme is "Happy Holidays!" Bring your holiday decorations for your 'Vettes. The more, the merrier!

The 1.4-mile long parade has grown in popularity with thousands of spectators lining the parade route on State Bridge Road. The parade route is well monitored and spectators are kept clear of the roadway.

This parade is unique in that coupes are welcome (think reindeer) and that those 'Vettes carrying VIPs will not need to return them to the beginning of the parade. When we reach the end of the parade we can leave directly after dropping the VIPs at the end point. We will need **nine cars to be reindeer** and lead Santa Claus into the City. Additionally, we will need **at least seven convertibles** willing to carry VIPs (Mayor, Mayor's wife and Council members). We have not been provided a limit, so everyone that signs up can be in the parade.

We will meet at the North Point Golden Corral located at 915 North Point Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30022. We will meet at 7:45a and depart promptly at 8:00a. I have a route that minimizes traffic lights and left turns.

The parade muster point is 10905 Jones Bridge Rd., Johns Creek, GA 30022. We should arrive at the muster point in time to allow for decorating the cars. The reindeer will have additional time for decorating, since they will be staged at the back of the parade and will therefore not start moving until 10:30 or later. Please remember that there's only one Santa, and he rides in a fire truck at the end and will be led by nine shiny, noisy, reindeer Corvettes.

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