

Dear Friends of the Community:

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is just around the corner! The Town of Freedom along with First Responders, Police and Fire Departments, and the Freedom Trailblazers Snowmobile Club are proud to sponsor the 25th Annual Freedom Christmas Parade this year. The parade will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m**.

This year we did something a little different and invited the students in our schools to join in a contest giving us their ideas for a parade theme. We had a great response! The chosen entry was submitted by Ella Petri and she will be leading the parade aboard the EMS Utility Vehicle with the Freedom First Responders.

This year's parade theme is **Star Light...Freedom Bright**. While using the theme is not required to participate in the parade, please keep in mind that the judges are looking for the most imaginative use of the theme and creative use of lights. Lights must be on each entry. Judges will award recognition to the winners in each category. Categories are Religious Theme, Christmas Theme, Best Float As Seen Through the Eyes of a Child and Best Float from Freedom. Also, each entry must have a name visible in some way for judging, even if only holding a sign by your float.

Enclosed you will find a parade entry form as well as the parade guidelines. As usual, we require that you do not have Santa on your float. The Town of Freedom reserves the honor of having Santa complete the parade on one of our fire trucks. Feel free to include elves, reindeer or other holiday related characters. **Entry forms need to be returned by Monday, November 26, 2018.** Enclosed is a poster you can post at your establishment.

The Freedom Parade Committee is asking each entry/organization to give a \$20 donation to support the local Freedom Food Pantry.

The parade will start at the Freedom High School west parking lot east on County Trunk E to Tralee Lane then to Garvey Avenue to County Trunk S and back to Freedom High School.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact one of the Parade Committee members.

Sincerely,

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