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Deltona Christmas Parade returns to Deltona Boulevard

Nov. 20, 2013—The City of Deltona's third Christmas Parade, themed "An Old Fashioned Christmas," is returning to Deltona Boulevard on Dec. 7. City staff believes Deltona Boulevard is a better location for safety reasons and provides an opportunity to highlight an area on the brink of redevelopment. "Deltona Boulevard is a wider road with more lighting and sidewalks which allows emergency personnel and vehicle access throughout the route. It also is an opportunity for the City to support and highlight businesses along the Boulevard and to draw attention to its potential for economic growth," said City Manager Dave Denny.

Marching bands, performers, floats, fire trucks, a life-size gingerbread house, Santa and all of his assistants will travel Deltona Boulevard from Balsam Street (where the U.S. Post Office is located) to Stratford Commons (near Dollar General) beginning at 6 p.m. Participants are still welcome to submit their parade entry forms until Nov. 29. Forms are available at DeltonaFL.Gov or by emailing deltonaparade@deltonafl.gov. Participants are encouraged to define and display what an old fashioned Christmas means to them using lights, tinsel and all things holiday.

First, second and third place awards are up for grabs for the "Best Float," "Best Performance" and "Best Marching Band." One lucky entrant will receive the "Best Overall" award. Judges will be located on a stage near 1200 Deltona Blvd. (often called the old Winn Dixie shopping plaza).

At 3:30 p.m., Deltona Boulevard from South Fairbairn Drive to Balsam Street will be closed to through traffic to allow for parade staging. **Deltona Boulevard along the parade route from Balsam Street to Fowler Drive will be closed at approximately 5:30 p.m.** and will remain closed for the duration of the parade which, will last two to three hours.

Deltona's Christmas Parade will be rebroadcast at a later date on the City's government access cable channel DeltonaTV located on BrightHouse Channel 199.