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Deltona Christmas Parade goes 'Tropical' in 2014

Nov. 24, 2014—The City of Deltona's fourth Christmas Parade, themed "It's a Tropical Christmas," will be on Deltona Boulevard again this year, beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13.

Marching bands, performers and floats will be judged on how they display what a tropical Florida Christmas should look like. Public entries will be accompanied by several City of Deltona entries including fire trucks, Sponge Bob's house under the sea and last but not least a float carrying Santa and all of his elves. The route will be along Deltona Boulevard from Balsam Street (where the U.S. Post Office is located) to Stratford Commons (near Dollar General).

Parade entry applications, available on DeltonaFl.Gov will be accepted until Nov. 28. Entry questions and submissions should be sent to deltonaparade@deltonafl.gov. Participants are encouraged to be creative and define and display what "A Tropical Christmas" means through their entry. First, second and third place awards are up for grabs to the "Best Float," "Best Performance" and best "Marching Band." One lucky entrant will receive the "Best Overall" award. The judges, all local business owners, will be positioned on staging located in front of the shopping plaza at 1200 Deltona Boulevard.

Several food vendors including The Wing Man, The Pastrami Project, Voodoo Kitchen, Fowlers Candy and Kona Ice will also be located in the shopping center parking lot.

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 be between 2-3 hours.

Deltona's Christmas Parade will be emceed by Saul Saenz of Central Florida News 13 and Melissa Zayas Moreno, InfoMás. A production of the Christmas Parade will rebroadcast at a later date on the City's government access cable channel DeltonaTV which can be seen online at DeltonaFl.Gov and on BrightHouse Channel 199.