



## Groton Holiday Lights Parade

Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m.  
US Route 1 from South Road to the Groton Shopping Plaza

Parade instructions

Dear Parade participant,

We are looking forward to your participation in the 2011 Holiday Lights Parade!

**Please pass along this information to every member of your group.**

1. Make a banner to carry or place a sign on your vehicle that identifies your group during the parade.
2. Have everyone in your group arrive by **4:00 p.m.**
3. Inform all group members of your number and direct them to the correct line-up location: (see maps)
  - ❖ Marchers - Groton Utilities Water Treatment Plant
    - Marchers are encouraged to ride the **shuttle busses** from the TJ Maxx parking lot on Route 1 to the Water Treatment Plant when possible. The busses run before the parade beginning at 3:30 p.m. No busses will run after the parade.
    - Don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to "**Stuff the Bus**" at the shuttle bus stop. All proceeds benefit local food banks!
  - ❖ Vehicles and floats - turn left on Depot Road and proceed to Industrial Drive
  - ❖ Emergency vehicles - Fitch Avenue from the east by using Central Avenue and Midway Oval. Line up on the west end of Fitch Ave, close to Depot Road.

**Note – groups that have both marchers and vehicles should split up and go to the proper location for line up. Groups will be joined together at the starting point of the parade.**

4. During line-up, display your number placard in the driver's side window for vehicles and proceed to your spot based on your assigned number.
5. Parade staff is available to direct you – look for the orange vests.
6. Review the **Safety and Information Sheet** with all members of your group.

**Please plan to join us for a Post-Parade celebration at the Holiday Tree in front of the Groton Post Office immediately following the parade!**

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jlokken@town.groton.ct.us](mailto:jlokken@town.groton.ct.us) or 860-536-5682.

Happy Holidays!

Jerry Lokken  
Manager of Recreation Services

In the event of a weather cancellation, please call the INFO LINE at 860-441-6791 or listen to 105.5 FM (Q-105) or other local radio stations for details.

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### Safety and Information

***Review these instructions and safety reminders with everyone in your group during parade assembly.***

For assistance contact a parade volunteer – Look for the orange vest!

#### **Safety**

- If first aid is needed, contact a parade volunteer to summon assistance.
- If an emergency vehicle is needed – the parade will shift to the right side of the road to let the vehicle pass on the left.
- Have all children stay with the group.

#### **Before you arrive**

- ***Be prepared for weather – dress warm.***
- Drive slowly and watch for pedestrians.

#### **During the Parade**

- Maintain the interval between the groups ahead of and behind you.
- **Candy or other items may not be thrown from vehicles. Marchers walking along the edge of the street may *hand* items out.**

#### **After the Parade**

- Set up a time and place to meet once the parade ends.
- Award winners will be contacted after the parade.
- At the conclusion of the parade, you will not be able to travel down Route 1 back to the starting location until the entire parade is complete.
- To leave after the parade, vehicles may use Route 1 towards Interstate 95 or take Drozdyk Drive to Buddington Road.
- You are welcome to join us with your float on display for the post-parade celebration and tree lighting ceremony on the green in front of the Post Office.

#### **Restrooms**

Portable toilets at the Water Treatment Plant  
Industrial Drive  
Car Wash Near the holiday tree on the green.

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