

City of Hutchins

Christmas & Fireworks in the Park: A Christmas Spectacular Proposal for Final Approval – Parks Department

Event Overview

The City of Hutchins Christmas & Fireworks in the Park: A Christmas Spectacular is a community holiday celebration featuring a parade, entertainment, tree lighting, refreshments, vendors, and a fireworks finale. The event aims to bring together families, local organizations, schools, businesses, and civic groups for a festive and inclusive holiday experience.

Event Theme

“City of Hutchins Christmas & Fireworks in the Park: A Christmas Spectacular”

Focus: *Where Holiday Spirit Meets Community Excellence.*

Local organizations will participate through decorated floats, stepping performances, walking groups, themed vehicles, and community service displays. Trophies will be awarded to the top three organizations.

Event Objectives

- Establish a signature annual holiday event
- Encourage local organization participation
- Showcase school and youth talent
- Increase Park attendance
- Support local food vendors
- Provide a family-friendly celebration
- Promote unity and civic pride

Event Flow

Parade (1.5 miles) – Local fraternities, sororities, organizations, decorated floats, vehicles, businesses, elected officials, marching band, drill team, and Santa.

Park Activities – Complimentary cookies, coffee, and cocoa; food vendors offering tacos, hot dogs, elotes, and additional options; holiday music and live entertainment.

Showcase – Stepping performances, Band, Drill team, float displays, crowd engagement; judged competition with 1st–3rd place trophies.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – Welcome remarks, countdown, and official tree lighting.

Grand Finale – Professionally choreographed 12-minute fireworks show.

Tentative Timeline

3:30 PM – Vendors open

4:00 PM – Entertainment begins

4:30 PM – Parade line-up

5:00 PM – Parade begins

6:15 PM – Parade arrives at park

6:20 PM – Food, music, Greek and Band Showcase

Sunset – Tree Lighting Ceremony
After lighting – Awards presentation
Following awards – Fireworks show

Community Partners

Parks Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, local schools, Greek-letter organizations, businesses, food vendors, community groups, and volunteers.

Expected Benefits

- Increased community engagement
- Greek organization involvement
- Youth talent showcase
- Support for local vendors
- Strengthened partnerships
- Enhanced Park visibility and community pride

Request for Approval

This outline was completed based on the directions provided by the Park Board. The Community Services Department respectfully requests approval from the Parks Department to proceed with finalizing the event and begin planning as written for Christmas & Fireworks in the Park: A Christmas Spectacular.