



October 5, 2016

Happy Holidays!

The Tri-State Chamber of Commerce cordially invites your organization to participate in the 45th Annual Rick Drew Holiday Parade to be held in the City of Port Jervis, NY and the Borough of Matamoras, PA on **December 4, 2016**.

Our parade will line up on Canal Street in Port Jervis at 1:00 PM and will start at 2:00 PM. Please tell everyone participating that NO vehicles will be allowed to enter Canal Street from Orange Street. **They must enter from Hamilton Street for safety reasons.** The Parade will march to Orange Street, down Pike Street, through the underpass, across the Bridge into Matamoras, down Pennsylvania Avenue to Seventh Street where the parade disbands. Refreshments will be served after the parade in the Matamoras Fire House Hall at Airport Park.

Trophy Categories

- Best Overall Unit– One Trophy
- Best All Around Holiday Theme– 1st & 2nd Place
- Best Appearing Musical Holiday Float-One trophy
- Best Appearing Walking Group– 1st & 2nd Place
- Best Decorated Emergency Vehicles– 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place
- Largest Participation-One Trophy
- Most Original-1st & 2nd Place
- Best Appearing Musical Unit-One trophy
- Most Spirited Animal Participation-One trophy

Each participating group will receive a certificate of appreciation just for being a part of this Holiday Tradition in the Tri-State area. Please fill out the reverse side of this letter and return it to the Chamber, via fax, email or mail, no later than **November 30, 2016** so final plans can be made for this great event.

Also, please **do NOT** include a Santa Claus as part of your group since the Chamber of Commerce already has Santa at the end of the parade line-up on top the last Firetruck. Let's not confuse our youngsters.

If you are unable to participate and would like to make a donation to help defray expenses for bands, refreshments, etc., please send your donation to the Chamber of Commerce and we will make sure your group is recognized for your part in making this event possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! *(Please turn page over)*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thomas McCarron, Rick Drew Holiday Parade Chairman

Tri State Chamber of Commerce