



## Santa Claus Lane Parade



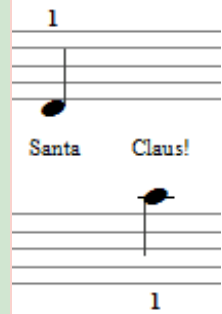
**MAIN DETAILS:** The Grand Marshals of the upcoming Santa Claus Lane Parade, Friday, November 24 include international medalists from AKT Combatives, NYS Girls Soccer Champs, the lady Gators of Allegany-Limestone Central and NYS Girls Volleyball Champs, the lady Panthers of Portville Central. The ever-popular Parade is the official kick-off to the holiday season in the area in which Santa and Mrs. Claus light thousands of skylines and snowflakes and stars in downtown Olean.



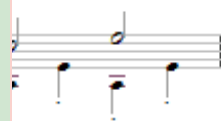
**JUDGES:** Chamber officials have invited area residents to judge this year's parade: Paula Snyder, Jamestown Community College; and Max Bullers, Home Depot of Olean.

The judges will be located in a Close's Lumber truck on North Union Street near Laurens Street intersection.

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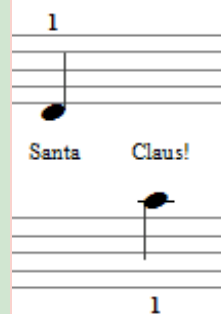


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**PARADE START/DIRECTION:** The Parade is scheduled to begin at 7 PM on Friday, November 24, near the Burger King on North Union Street in Olean. The Parade will travel south on Union to just past Lincoln Park where units will begin to disperse once they arrive at Henley Street.

# Awards

**OFFICIAL EMCEES:** WPIG-FM will be the official emcees of the parade and will announce the parade line up at their official emcee booth near the intersection of Union and State Streets.

**Eight awards** will be presented in the following categories: **The Blitzen Award**, sponsored by **Times Herald** will go to the most photogenic float or unit; **The Seasons Greetings Award**, sponsored by **Mallery's Auto Body** to the best newcomer to the parade, and one that typifies a welcoming theme - this unit must be a first-time entrant; **The Rudolph Award**, sponsored by **National Grid Co.**, for the float with the most or best use of lights; **The Snowflake Award**, sponsored by the **Street Classics Car Club** for the unit with the most participants in the parade, **Angelic Spirit Award**, sponsored by **Mandy's Flowers**, will go to the most spiritual/religious float or unit. **The Elves Award**, sponsored by **Good Times Events Center**, will go to the float or unit that best typifies the holiday through the eyes of a child; **Jingle Bells Award**, sponsored by **Microtel Inn of Olean**, will go to the best theatrical (music/dance) float or unit; and **The Sleigh Award**, presented by **Reisner Law Group**, will go to the most decorated larger truck (fire truck, flatbed, utility vehicles, etc.)

## STREET CLOSING / PARKING / SPECTATOR INFO:

Delaware Avenue will be closed to traffic at 6 p.m. with North Union Street closing to traffic at 6:45 PM. The City's downtown parking lots will be opened and free to park. The City Building's restrooms will be opened the night of the parade from 6 - 8:30 PM. Extra uniformed personnel of the Olean Fire and Police Departments will be

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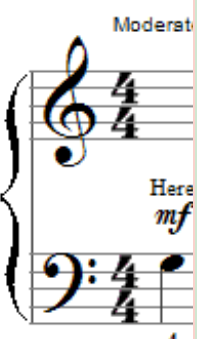
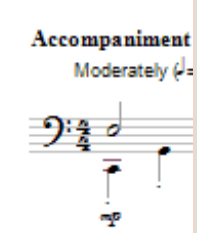
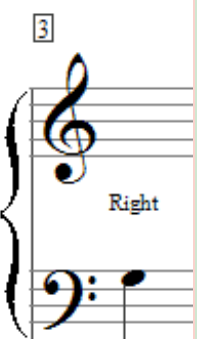
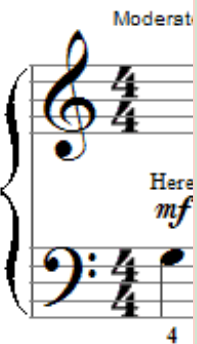
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on hand. Lost children should report to the Chamber office.

**The parking spaces along BOTH SIDES of North Union Street from Route 417 to the railroad will be closed for parking vehicles at 4 PM.** Cars, trucks, etc. will be allowed to park back along these spaces after 830 PM.

Also, the detour route will be First Street from Wayne to Henley as well as East/West Henley from South First Street to South Barry Streets. No parking will be allowed along the detour route as well. Olean Police Chief Jeff Rowley stated, "Please parents have your family members stay on the curbs on Union Street on the east side and not in the parking space or road. And if you are watching from the west side, please **DO NOT STAND** in the median, but use the southbound lane of Union Street." Mayor William Aiello added, "Also the roundabouts are not to be used for viewing the parade."



**Back Again**

**BACK AGAIN:** Mercy Flight of Western New York will officially kick off the parade with a fly over and then their spotlight will shine up the parade route. Mercy Flight WNY is an independent, not-for-profit provider of emergency air-medical transport and supporting services, ensuring rapid, safe and cost effective delivery of expert emergency response teams.

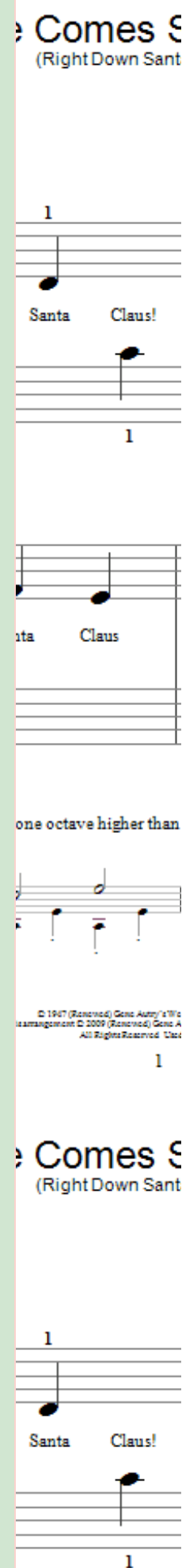
**Un-wrapped**

**BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFTS:** Paul Brown Dodge, Paul Brown Chevy and Toys 4 Tots will be teaming up again this year. Their goal is to collect as many toys as possible. **HELP THEM FILL UP THEIR PICK UP TRUCK...** with toys of course. Last year's Toys 4 Tots campaign helped many children in our immediate area.

Look for the TOYS 4 TOTS Pick-up Truck on East State Street between Lincoln Park and the City building, after the Santa Claus Lane Parade. Let's work together and **FILL UP THIS PICK UP TRUCK!**

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** GOACC is also encouraging organizations to participate in these other Thanksgiving week events:

**NOVEMBER 23 – TURKEY TROT, St. Bonaventure University, 9 AM. FEEL GOOD**



# Turkey Trot

# Victorian Christmas

# Portville Holiday

# Allegany Holiday

this Thanksgiving by starting your day with a non-timed 5K at SBU with over 200 other runners & walkers. This annual event is FREE to everyone, but organizers do ask that you bring healthy snacks/foods to donate to the Olean Food Pantry. Check in at SBU's Murphy Auditorium from 8-8:45 AM, and the 5K begins at 9:00 AM. Pre-register at the Olean YMCA or call the Y 716-373-2400. Healthy food suggestions/requests from the Olean Food Pantry: Unsweetened cereal; Oatmeal; Tuna; Canned vegetables; canned fruit in light syrup; and Nuts.

**NOVEMBER 24 – VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**, Bartlett Historical House, 302 Laurens Street, Olean, 6 to 9 p.m. Come to this free affair to check out the Christmas decorations throughout the 15-room mansion, including a third-floor ballroom. Free refreshments of pizza, chicken wings, cheese and sandwich plates and drinks.

**NOVEMBER 25 — PORTVILLE'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**, Pioneer Park, Portville, 5 p.m. The Village Christmas Lighting Ceremony will feature singing until 5:30 PM when Santa arrives for the official lighting ceremony. Cookies, doughnuts, hot and cold beverages will be served

**NOVEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS IN ALLEGANY'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**, Allegany, 6:30 p.m. The event is held at the Santa House located next to the Village of Allegany Municipal Building at 106 East Main Street, Allegany, NY. Santa, Mrs. Claus and some elves arrive to the event on a horse pulled wagon and children of all ages are given the opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a gift. Hot cocoa and cookies are served.

## COMPLETE PARADE LINEUP

**MORE INFO:** For more information regarding Santa Claus Lane or other Greater Olean Area events and activities, please call 716-372-4433 or email [info@oleanny.com](mailto:info@oleanny.com).





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