

Dear Business Owner,

The Christmas Light Parade Committee has been busy planning a fun-filled, family friendly day to kick off the Holiday Season. This year's Light Parade will be on Saturday, December 7th at 5:30 pm. It will begin at Prairie and Western and go to Grove and Western. Western Avenue street lights are turned off and lighted parade floats, bands and walkers will light up the parade route to the delight of crowds of people lining Western Ave.

If you wish to participate in the parade, please complete the enclosed Entry Form and Waiver. Waivers must be signed by all those in the parade. You may copy the waiver or download and print additional copies as needed at blueisland.org/parade. Please return your entry form by November 15th.

We will again be having a Kris Kringle Mart in the parking lot between Union and High Streets on Western Ave with free train rides, two additional rides, a petting zoo and pony rides for children from 1 pm to 5 pm. Mayor Bilotto will be lighting the decorated trees in the park before the parade and Santa will be on hand for pictures beginning at 6:30 pm. Businesses will be having Open Houses and specials that night and Carolers will be visiting open businesses on Western Ave following the parade.

There are many sponsorship opportunities. We will again offer banners from the light poles with the name of your business on it. We'll also be doing the digital signs at the City signs in Blue Island, Calumet Park, Alsip and Oak Lawn. The ice sculpture is always a huge hit with parents and kids alike with pictures being taken at it all day. Or, you could sponsor Santa and Mrs. Claus' arrival in the parade on a float or sponsor free pictures following the parade!

If you have any questions, please email Stephanie Bilotto at Stephanie.Bilotto@gmail.com. If you are interested in sponsoring, please return the form by November 1st so we can be sure to include you! *If you are sponsoring a banner for the Western Ave light poles, please turn your form in by October 25th!* Thank you for your consideration.

We're looking forward to another wonderful event! Your support, as always, is appreciated!

Sincerely,

The Blue Island Christmas Light Parade Committee

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