Clemson parade set for next week

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CLEMSON — Longtime Clemson Municipal Judge Gary Barnes will hang up his robe for the final time at the end of this year, but not before receiving a special sendoff in recognition for his nearly three decades behind the bench.

Barnes has been named grand marshal of the city's 22nd annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 1. In the event of inclement weather, the parade, which is free and open to the public, will take place Dec. 3.

Clemson Parks and Rec program director Jamie Cathey said pre-parade festivities would begin at 5 p.m. and the floats will begin promptly at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at College Avenue and S.C. Highway 93 and go through Strode Circle.

Pictures with Santa Claus and the Clemson Tiger will be among the featured pre-parade festivities, along with Just Dance with the Clemson University Rally Cats, a holiday scavenger hunt and arts and crafts.

Children and adults alike will receive a card at the information booth upon arriving at the parade and will have certain objectives to mark off to show they participated in the event. Free prizes will be awarded to those that finish.

Anyone wishing to participate in the float contest can go to cityofclemson.org, and there will be a link for float registration. The registration form will be due by Nov. 24.

Additional information about the parade is available at the City of Clemson Facebook page, by contacting Cathey at jcathey@cityofclemson.org or by calling (864) 624-1120, ext. 16002.

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