

# GEORGETOWN SANTA CLAUS PARADE HAS VINTAGE THEME

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It's a Christmas tradition that has put smiles on faces for generations.

This year, the Georgetown Santa Claus parade will be returning to town with a special Vintage Christmas theme, getting in touch with the roots of the event from decades ago.

"This year I've asked people to be a little more creative," said organizer Louie Violo, with the Lions Club of Georgetown.

Each year, about 70 different floats are signed up for the evening tour through the streets of downtown Georgetown that draws nearly 15,000 spectators.

"Just seeing the smiles on kids' faces," Violo said is the most rewarding part of the entirely volunteer-led event.

Violo says the organizing committee still needs

volunteers to help with the parade, traffic on the parade route and more.

"We're trying to keep this tradition going," he said, noting that the group has about 35 of the 70 to 80 volunteers needed.

"This is where we live, work and play. It's just something for them to look forward to," said Violo. "It's bringing people together, lifting their spirits."

With Vintage Christmas theme, he said, floats and decorations will be reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s holiday celebrations.

"What was it like in simpler times?" he said, noting that the theme will mean different things to everyone. "We just want people to have a sense of hope."

The Georgetown Lions Club is always looking for members and volunteers. The club meet above the Mold-Masters SportsPlex on the first and third Mon-



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On Nov. 18, Santa Claus will be visiting Halton Hills for the annual parades. The Acton parade will be taking place from 1-3 p.m. and the Georgetown parade will take place from 5-8 p.m.

days of the month.

The Santa Claus parade will be held on Saturday,

Nov. 17, starting at Guelph Street and Sinclair Avenue, running down Mill

Street into the downtown before ending at the fairgrounds.

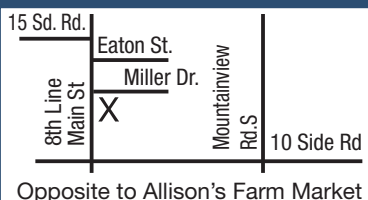
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