

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE **WILL** BE A MINIER CHRISTMAS PARADE!!

Set aside 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 28 to attend the annual Minier Christmas Parade. The theme this year: "It's an Olympia-Spartan Strong Christmas." Student organizations and community groups from the Olympia district will be featured this year.

We believe that with social distancing, perhaps backing your car into the parking slots on Main St. and looking out your front windshield, we can have a safe, COVID-free event. Instead of floats where people may need to sit together, we encourage organizations to decorate a truck and have a walking unit. We will continue to have \$25 seed money available for the first 10 groups that register their organization with us. Prizes will be \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

We will also have the return of the Spirit Award that recognizes the parade two entries that exhibit the best Christmas and Spartan Spirit. So wear your Spartan Blue and White or Christmas Red and Green to let us know you've got spirit.

Santa will meet and greet youth at the gazebo in Veterans Park following the parade.

The Kiwanis Club of Olympia is the sponsor of this event. We believe we all need something special to look forward to and if we practice social distancing and mask-wearing, where and when appropriate, we can kick off the 2020 Christmas season with a great event.

To register your organization for the parade, you can get the entry forms at the minier.com website, the Minier Village Office, or contact Parade Coordinator, Carolyn Hansen at 309-261-1705 or email her at carolynsh7480@gmail.com.