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City Will Not Hold Christmas Parade This Year

Beaumont, Texas – As a result of increased insurance costs and renovations to Riverfront Park, the City of Beaumont will not hold its annual Christmas Parade this year.

The Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, which organizes and manages the street parade each year, is unable to participate due to increased insurance costs associated with the event. The annual boat parade, which drew a large crowd to Riverfront Park last year, cannot be held because the park is undergoing extensive renovations.

“The parade takes a large amount of resources in terms of funding, logistics, and personnel,” said Claudie Hawkins, Director of the Civic Center Complex. “Because of renovations going on in the park, and loss of our Chamber partner, we felt that we couldn’t put on the caliber of event this year that citizens have come to expect.”

The parade is usually scheduled for the first Saturday in December. The city plans to bring back its Christmas celebration in 2012, and will evaluate what activities will be included at that time.

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