



# CITY OF TAMPA

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

Parks and Recreation Department

Office of Special Events

## City of Tampa Traffic & Parking Advisory for the Children's Gasparilla Parade - Saturday, January 24, 2015

It's the kids turn this weekend as the Gasparilla Children's Parade kicks off Gasparilla season in Tampa on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Festivities for the Children's Gasparilla Parade begin at 11 a.m. with a bicycle safety rodeo on Bayshore between Rome Ave. and Dakota St. The littlest pirates take over the streets at 1:30 p.m. during the Preschoolers Stroll from Howard Ave. to Rome Ave.

The Children's Gasparilla Parade steps off at 3:30 p.m. at Bay to Bay Blvd. and Bayshore Blvd., proceeds north along Bayshore, and ends at Edison Ave. and Bayshore Blvd. The Children's Gasparilla Parade will be broadcast live on FOX 13 and streamed live on [MyFoxTampaBay.com](http://MyFoxTampaBay.com). The evening culminates with a spectacular fireworks show at 7 p.m.

Traffic is expected to be heavier than normal. Drivers and pedestrians alike are advised to allow for extra travel time and to travel through the area with caution.

The City is alerting the public of road closures and towing zones to minimize congestion in neighborhoods that border the parade route. "No Parking" signs have been installed in the neighborhoods west of Bayshore Blvd and will be in effect beginning on Friday, January 23, 2015 through Saturday, January 24, 2015.

**Any vehicles parked on the streets in the affected neighborhoods will be cited and towed at the owner's expense. Tampa Police advise motorists not to park their vehicle in the "No Parking" areas to avoid having their vehicle towed.**

### 2015 Gasparilla Children's Parade Road Closure Schedule

Sunday January 18, 2015 – Sunday, February 1, 2015

Close Bayshore Blvd. crossovers at DeSoto Ave., Nance Ave., Albany Ave. and Gunby Ave.

Saturday, January 24, 2015 @ 2:00 AM

Close Bayshore Blvd. northbound from Bay-to-Bay to Rome

Saturday, January 24, 2015 @ 6:30 AM

Close Bayshore Blvd from Gandy Blvd to Platt St/Channelside Dr

Close Bay to Bay Blvd from Ysabella Ave to Bayshore Blvd

Close Davis Island Bridge Off Ramp onto Northbound Bayshore Blvd

Saturday, January 24, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

Close One Eastbound Lane and one Westbound Lane on Bay to Bay Blvd from MacDill Ave to Ysabella Ave (to accommodate pedestrian walkway)

Saturday, January 24, 2015 @ 4:30 PM

Close Eastbound Bay-to-Bay Blvd at MacDill Ave

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## **Parking and Shuttle Options**

Fort Brooke Garage located at 107 N Franklin St will open at 8 a.m. at a flat rate of \$5.00 per vehicle paid on entry. This cost is only for parking and does not include the shuttles services for the Children's Parade.

Shuttle service from the Fort Brook Garage, located on the corner of Franklin and Whiting Street, will operate one continuous shuttle route on January 24, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. the shuttle cost is \$5 per adult, children accompanied by an adult ride for free. The shuttle will deliver to Bayshore Blvd, near the beginning of the parade route at Bay to Bay Blvd and the Crosstown.

For a complete list of the Children's Gasparilla Parade events and activities, please visit: [gasparillaextravaganza.com](http://gasparillaextravaganza.com).

Updates will be shared on social media via Facebook on the City of Tampa Government and Tampa Police Department pages, and via Twitter @cityoftampa and @tampapd.

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