



**The Kiwanis Club of Ozark
City of Ozark Christmas Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting**

2026 Annual Christmas Parade

The 2026 Kiwanis Club City of Ozark Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in downtown Ozark on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm..

The festivities will begin with the lighting of the Christmas Tree at 6:00 pm. and the parade will start immediately following the ceremony. All entry proceeds directly support Kiwanis Club youth programs throughout our community.

Entry forms with instructions are attached but they are also available at Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home, on the City of Ozark website @ www.ozarkal.gov, or by emailing lhancey@fuquabankstonfuneralhome.com.

Once completed, entry forms can be submitted in person or mailed to:

Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home, 508 Faust Avenue, Ozark, AL 36360.

Registration & Fee Information:

- **Walking Units:** \$15.00
- **Floats / Motorized Units:** \$30.00 (*maximum 2 per entry*)
- **Entry Deadline:** Monday, November 23, 2026, at 4:00 PM
⇒ Late submissions will not be accepted – NO EXCEPTIONS!
- **Payment:** Payment of **cash or check** ONLY MUST accompany your entry form.

*The parade will line up on Broad Street. Please pay close attention to the attached parade route, especially the parade route entry point on Peacock Street. This is how we get everyone lined up going in the right direction. Kiwanis members will be at Carroll High and Broad Street to help you find your line-up number/spot. The parade will proceed down Broad Street, towards downtown, go around the Square, and end by the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. At the end of the parade, all floats will be directed to turn right on East Avenue and park. At the end of the parade, all floats will be directed to turn right on East Avenue and park. **Riders can off load at this point, but float drivers must remain with their floats at all times.**

*Parade Flow - Once the parade starts, a Sheriff's Deputy will stop you for a brief moment at the reviewing stand and ask for your number that will be displayed on the inside of the vehicle in the driver side front windshield and allow time for judging. This year a team of judges will select the best decorated float and sharpest looking walking/marching unit in the parade. The winners will be announced at the next Kiwanis Club meeting. A certificate will then be presented at a future City Council meeting.

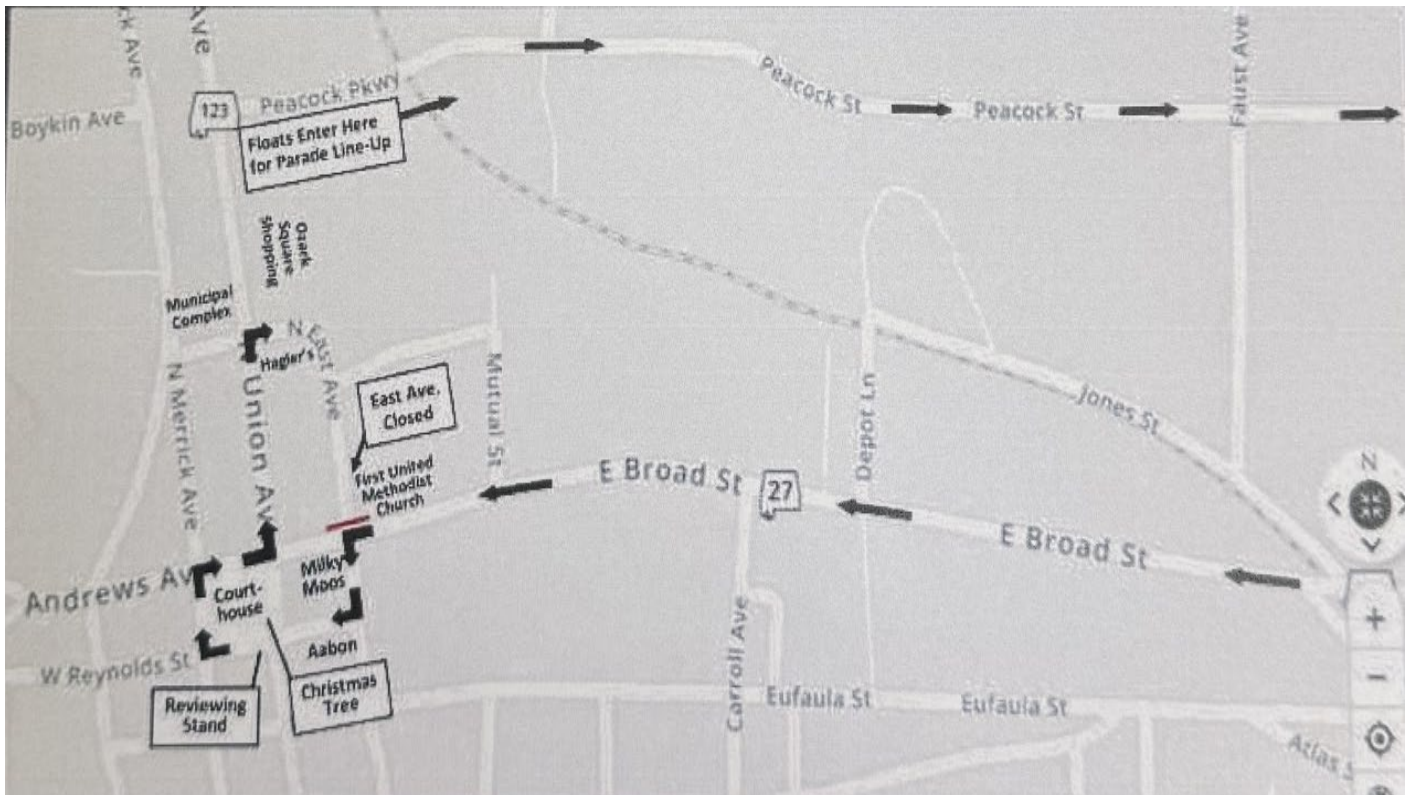
Please Note: **ONLY WALKING PARTICIPANTS may toss candy underhanded to the crowd, provided they are in a group next to a float or motorized vehicle. **NO CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS MAY BE TOSSED FROM THE FLOATS OR VEHICLES. This is a safety issue.** The person signing the Affirmation and Liability Release Form is responsible for and will be accountable for any injuries caused by their parade entry group.

We look forward to bringing in the holiday season with you!

**John Cawley (334) 237-4702
Kiwanis Project Coordinator**

Parade Lineup Instructions

- Enter parade route: From North Union, turn onto Peacock Parkway at Dowling Fire Station, which is just north of City Hall. From there, proceed to Carroll High, staying on Peacock Parkway, it will turn into Eagle Way at the high school. Then proceed to Thompson's Feed Store on Broad Street. Kiwanis members will be there for directions. **DO NOT ENTER THE PARADE FROM ANY OTHER DIRECTION.**
- Please line up on Broad Street between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Line up numbers are posted on both sides of the street. Please pull as close to the curb as possible and don't block any driveways.
- Parade starts at 6:00 PM sharp and will proceed towards downtown.
- At Hoppergrass the parade will turn **LEFT**. Use caution when making turns.
- At Aabon the parade will turn **RIGHT** onto Reynolds. There will be plenty of room to swing wide.
- Follow Reynolds past the reviewing stand and bleachers then turn **RIGHT** onto Merrick Avenue.
- Next turn **LEFT** onto North Union Avenue traveling towards City Hall and the Piggly Wiggly.
- Once floats reach East Avenue at Hagler Heating and Cooling an officer will direct **ALL FLOATS** to turn **RIGHT** onto East Avenue. **DO NOT STOP AND OFF-LOAD RIDERS YET.**
- Floats will be directed down East Avenue toward Broad Street and First United Methodist Church. Officers will line floats up in three columns. Once the float has stopped you are clear to off load. **ONCE OFFICERS HAVE YOU COMPLETELY STOPPED IN LINE ON EAST AVENUE THEN YOU MAY OFF LOAD RIDERS. DRIVERS MUST REMAIN WITH THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.**
- Floats will remain at this location until the end of the parade turns onto East Avenue at Hoppergrass. Once the last entry has turned and officer will direct floats to turn **LEFT** onto Broad Street, where they will be directed to travel outbound away from town. *Thanks for your cooperation and have fun.*



2026 Annual Christmas Parade Entry Form

The 2026 Kiwanis Club City of Ozark Christmas Parade will be held in downtown Ozark on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm. Entrants are requested to be at their assigned starting positions ready to go, **no earlier than 5:00 pm and no later than 5:30 pm.**

Please mail your completed entry forms and check to:

Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home, 508 Faust Avenue Ozark, Alabama 36360.

Entry Forms may also be dropped off at Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home. Donations are non-refundable.

Deadline to receive entry forms is Monday, November 23, 2026.

Entry Cost: \$15.00 for Walking Units - \$30.00 for Floats/Motorized Units (2 per entry)

If you have any questions, please call (334) 237-4702 or (334) 774-4551.

Organization/Business: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Entry Type (i.e., walking unit, car, truck, horse, band, truck & trailer including trailer length): _____

Remarks: (Include the announcement you would like read as your entry passes by the reviewing stand- 30-word limit)

Parade line-up number- call (334) 774-4551 on **Monday, November 30, 2026 between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM to receive your parade line-up number.

Point of Contact Signature

****You must read and sign the Affirmation and Liability Release on the reverse side. ****

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Affirmation and Liability Release

I hereby affirm I am aware of the inherent hazards and policies of the event. I know that participating in a parade is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not participate unless I am medically able. I hereby personally assume all risks associated with my voluntary participation in this event for any harm, injury, or damage that may befall me as a result of my participation, whether foreseen or unforeseen.

I understand and agree that the Kiwanis International, Ozark Kiwanis Club, City of Ozark and Dale County, located in the state of Alabama will not be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with my participation in the Ozark Kiwanis Christmas Parade that may result in injury, death, or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns and in consideration of being allowed to participate in this event, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with said event for any harm, injury, or damage that may befall me, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen; and further to say and hold harmless said event and persons from claim by me, or my family, estate, heirs, or assigns arising out of my participation in this event.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this affirmation and release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parents or guardians; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital and that I have signed this document on my own free will.

It is my intention by this instrument to exempt and release Kiwanis International, Ozark Kiwanis Club, City of Ozark, and Dale County from all liability whatsoever for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death arising out of or in the course of my participation in this event.

BY SIGNING THIS, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE AFFIRMATION OF LIABILITY RELEASE FORM.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parents or Guardians (where applicable)

Date