



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

2025 Annual Christmas Parade

The 2025 Kiwanis Club City of Ozark Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in downtown Ozark on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. The Christmas Tree will be lit at 6:00 PM and the parade will start immediately following the tree lighting.

Entry forms are attached with instructions, or are available at the Ozark City Hall, Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home, or Ozark Area Chamber of Commerce at the Holman House. **Deadline to turn in your entry form is November 24th.** Entry Cost is \$15.00 for Walking Units and \$30.00 for Floats or Motorized Units (2 per entry). No late entry forms will be accepted and no entry form will be accepted unless payment is accompanied. You can pay by cash or check **ONLY**. Proceeds go towards Kiwanis Club children's support programs. Please call (334) 774-4551 or (334) 237-4702 if you have any questions. If you would like to request an entry form, please email lhancey@fuquabankstonfuneralhome.com.

***The parade will line up on Broad Street, like last year. 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 the right direction. Kiwanis members will be at Carroll High and Broad Street to help you find your lineup 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. Riders can off load at this point, but float drivers must stay with their floats at all times.**

***Parade Flow ~ Once the parade starts, units cannot stop at the reviewing stand because the rest of the parade is still moving. This causes gaps and backups just like a traffic jam. Thanks for your cooperation.**

This year a team of judges will select the best decorated commercial (rented) float, non-commercial 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 ~ Parade participants may toss candy underhanded to the crowd, provided they are walking in a group or walking next to a float or motorized vehicle. There is no tossing of candy or other items 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.**

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

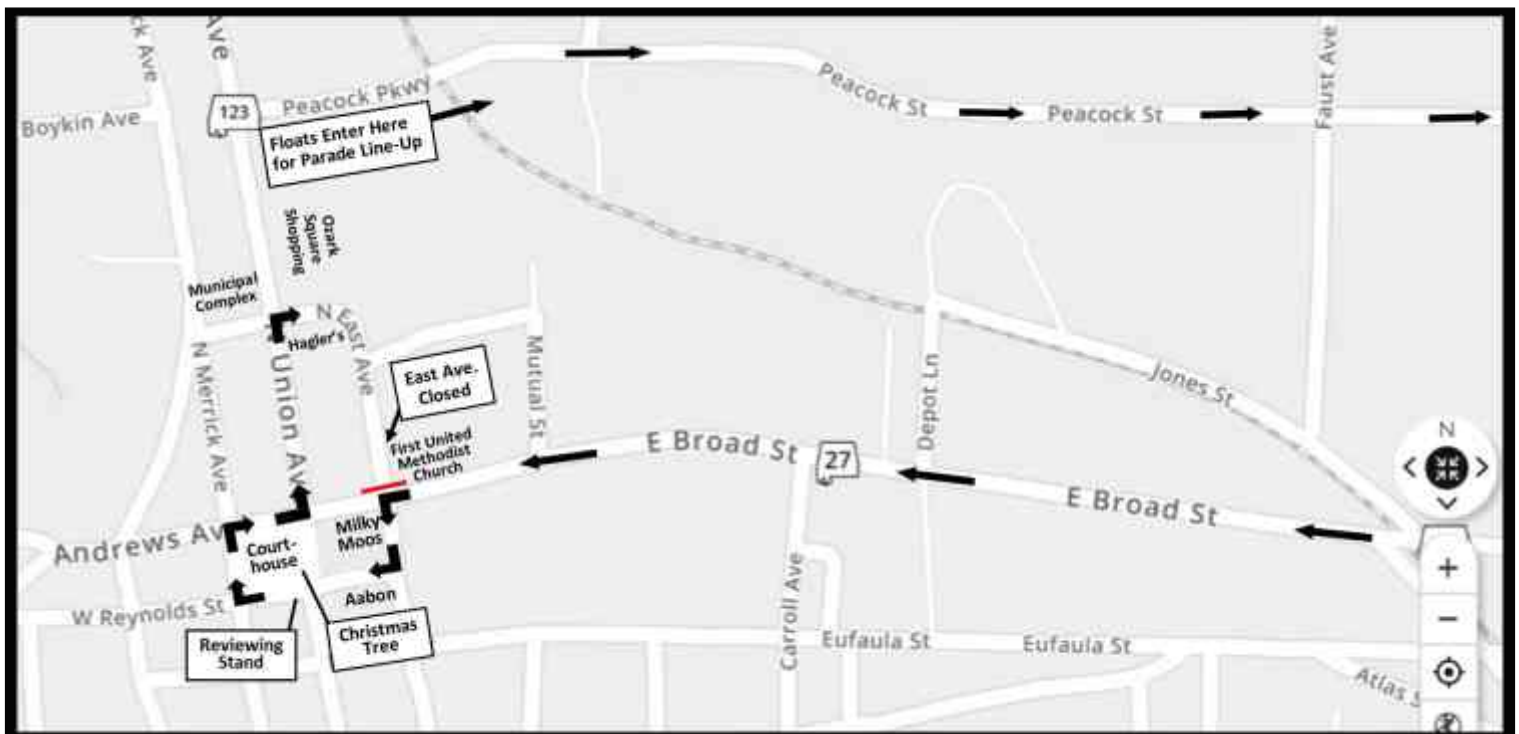
***Note ~ Parade Route is on the reverse side of this letter**

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.
- Then turn **RIGHT** onto Broad Street.
- 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 Methodist Church. Officers will line floats up in three columns. Once the float has stopped, you are clear to off load. **DO NOT LEAVE THE FLOAT UNATTENDED. A DRIVER MUST BE PRESENT 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, an 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!



**The Kiwanis Club of Ozark
City of Ozark Christmas Parade
P.O. Box 157
Ozark, Alabama 36361**

2025 Annual Christmas Parade Entry Form

The 2025 Kiwanis Club City of Ozark Christmas Parade will be held in downtown Ozark on Tuesday, December 2nd, 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 Kiwanis Club of Ozark, P.O. Box 157, Ozark, AL 36361. Entry forms may also be dropped off at Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home, 508 Faust Avenue, Ozark, AL 36360. Donations are non-refundable.

Deadline to receive entry forms is November 24, 2025.

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

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

Organization/Business: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

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

Remarks: (Include the announcement you would like read as your entry passes by the reviewing stand ~ 60 word limit)

***Parade Line-Up Number ~ Call (334) 774-4551 on December 1, 2025 after 1:00 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.*****

AFFIRMATION AND LIABILITY RELEASE

I hereby affirm that 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 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 save and hold harmless said event and persons from any 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 of 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.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parents or Guardians
(where applicable)

Date