

The Franklin Christmas Parade

Presented By Downtown Franklin Rotary

2026 General Information: Please refer to official 2026 parade emails and maps that note new route direction

- **NO Santa Claus suits are allowed in the parade.**
- This is a **Rain or Shine event**. In the event of inclement weather, look for an email from the Downtown Franklin Rotary Club Parade Committee with further information.
- **NO Refunds if the parade is cancelled for any reason.** Your charitable contribution is very much appreciated.
- **Parade Start time:** 1pm Saturday, December 5, 2026
- **Please refer to official parade emails for sign up confirmation and your designated staging area.**
- **Check in time for all participants:** Between 9:30 and 11am December 5, 2026
- Participants and parade vehicles must be in place by 11:00am in their designated staging area – **Streets close at 11:45am** and the parade line-up positioning will begin promptly thereafter
- No personal vehicle parking in priority staging areas. Please plan accordingly. Parking is limited. Carpool or drop off is recommended.
- Following the parade, participants are requested not to leave parking areas **until the parade is complete.**

Parade Participant & Safety Rules: **Throwing candy or other items from float or vehicle is NOT permitted.**

- **All participants must agree to and sign the Parade Liability Waiver**
- **Drivers:** All parade vehicles must be driven by a valid licensed, insured driver. NO texting, taking photos or other distractions by driver while driving in entirety of parade. **Tennessee Law is a hands-free state.**
- Fire extinguisher is required on each float. Two adults in vehicle cab are recommended for safety.
- **Child supervision:** a responsible adult is required on every float with minor children onboard.
- **Float conduct:** No entering or exiting float or dangling of legs over the edge is allowed. Candy or other items may only be hand-distributed to patrons along the parade route by team members walking alongside float. Walkers need to remain in close proximity of their designated float or vehicle.
- **NO** stopping for routines is permitted; parade must keep moving to avoid delays/gaps
- An approximate speed of **3MPH**- comfortable walking speed – throughout the parade is required to maintain groups and avoid gaps. Please keep approximately 4 car lengths between units.
- **Please obey** the Volunteer STOP/GO Parade Monitors and remain in order.
- **NO smoking and NO alcohol use** is permitted.
- **Float dimensions:** Maximum height 12' – Maximum length 30'
- **Vehicle conditions:** All vehicles, including towing vehicles, must be clean and in good working condition.
- Each float or vehicle must be **decorated** in a family friendly, Christmas focused style.
- Participants are responsible for their own **clean-up** and trash; all areas must be left in a clean condition. This includes cleaning up after your animals (horses, dogs, etc.)

DFRC Christmas Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant not conforming to the signed waiver, these rules, and regulations set forth by police officials.

For questions, please email: FranklinChristmasParade@downtownfranklinrotary.com