



2024 Lighted Christmas Parade

You are invited to participate in our annual *Lighted Christmas Parade* in historic downtown Columbus, Texas on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please complete the attached Entry and Disclaimer forms and return them to the Columbus Chamber by November 22. The forms may be dropped off or mailed to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce office located at 425 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas 78934, or emailed to info@columbus-texas.org.

Please note, due to insurance and safety standards, all-terrain vehicles (such as 4-wheelers and go-carts) *will not be allowed*. Also, no candy or toys, beads, koozies, etc. may be thrown from the parade vehicles and floats. With the parade taking place in the dark there will be poor visibility, and we do not want kids running out towards the vehicles and floats in the dark. Therefore, for the safety of our kids, throwing candy and trinkets is strictly prohibited by the Columbus Police Department. You may, however, have someone walk alongside the parade vehicle and hand out trinkets and goodies to the spectators on the sidewalks.

Trophies sponsored by *Medical Skin Associates & Spa* will be awarded to the Best Overall, Best Lighted, and Best Decorated Car/Truck. We ask that you do NOT have a Santa on your entry. Santa will be riding on the last entry in the parade presented by Columbus Historical Preservation Trust.

PARADE DAY INFORMATION:

1. 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Please line up closely behind the vehicle in front of you along Travis Street facing South. You will be issued an entry number as you line up.
2. Judging will take place as the parade passes the Stafford Opera House building on the corner of Spring and Milam Street. We ask that you place your entry # on the right side of the parade vehicle and make it visible to the judges.
3. 5:50 pm - Be ready to take off, have everyone in place, and move along in line as the entry in front of you moves into the parade route. The parade route will run from the First Baptist Church down Milam Street to Spring Street and end at the Courthouse Square. It will be followed by a tree lighting on the square with hot chocolate and cookies, Christmas music, caroling, visits and photos with Santa, and the announcement of the parade winners. Please proceed carefully as this is where folks will be unloading. After you unload, please park your float on Travis Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelley at (979) 732-8385. Thank you for participating in the second annual lighted parade.

Sincerely,

Shelley Janik
Office Manager



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Parade Day & Time: Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Deadline to sign up: November 22, 2024

Name of your organization, business, or individual:

Name of parade entry's point of contact:

Address: _____

Phone on day of the parade: _____

Contact email (required): _____

Description of entry: _____

Thank you for your entry. We are looking forward to having you join us for our annual lighted Christmas parade. Upon receipt of your entry, a map of the parade route and any other pertinent information will be emailed out.

Please return to:

Shelley Janik
425 Spring Street
Columbus, Texas 78934

Or via Email: info@columbustexas.org

2024 Lighted Christmas Parade Disclaimer

PLEASE READ AND BE AWARE OF THE RULES BEFORE SIGNING THIS DISCLAIMER AND ENTERING THE PARADE

Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue

By acceptance of an invitation to participate in the 2024 *Lighted Christmas Parade*, (I)(We) accept and assume all risks of responsibility for any claims for property damage and/or personal injury to (our) participants (myself)(my)(our) guest, invitees, and/or employees. Regardless of the nature or cause of the damage or injury and hereby release the Columbus Chamber of Commerce from liability for any property damage, personal injuries, or other claims arising from (my)(our) participation in the 2024 *Lighted Christmas Parade*, including those that are known and unknown, foreseen, and unforeseen.

(I)(We) agree to indemnify, defend and, hold the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and the 2024 *Lighted Christmas Parade* from any claim for property and damage or personal injury in connection with (my)(our) activities in the 2024 *Lighted Christmas Parade*. (I)(We) further covenant not to commence or prosecute any action, or other proceedings against the Columbus Chamber of Commerce because of any property damage or personal injury received by participating in the 2024 *Lighted Christmas Parade*.

This document shall be binding upon (myself)(my)(our) legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.

The undersigned has read and voluntarily signed this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue and agrees to bind by its terms.

By signing this entry form, the responsible person for the entry

1. Binds each person participating in the activity under the authority of this entry.
2. Agrees to provide each participating person under the authority of this entry form with a copy of this Disclaimer.

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON (please print)

TITLE: _____

Signature of Responsible Party

Phone Number