



COLUMBIA'S BRIGHT NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 5th, 2026 – 5:00 PM

2026 Theme – Songs of the Season

**Trophy Categories: Mayor's Favorite, People's Choice, Best
Incorporation of Theme**

Instructions:

1. All businesses, organizations, churches and individuals interested in participating in the parade should complete the information below and return to the Clerk's Office at Columbia City Hall
Deadline for all applications is Wednesday, December 2, 2026
2. The non-refundable parade entry fee of \$10.00 should accompany your application
3. **Christmas lights/decorations are required on all entries to participate in the parade**
4. **Santa will arrive at the end of the parade; to avoid confusion for the kids, NO OTHER SANTAS ALLOWED**
5. For the safety of our children, **THROWING CANDY IS NOT ALLOWED**. Candy may be HANDED to parade watchers
5. All participant applications are subject to approval by the event committee and space availability
6. Parade line-up time is 4pm at Bolm-Schuhkraft Park. Additional details will be sent via e-mail on November 29. One representative must be present at Turner Hall Social following the parade to claim the coveted prize.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION:

Organization / Business Name:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Person E-Mail:	
Phone # :	
<u>IMPORTANT:</u> To assist in creating the voting sheet, please describe in detail what your entry will look like (i.e. – vehicle towing a trailer decorated with manger scene with words, Jesus is the Reason for the Season)	

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> Will there will be music on your parade entry? (Circle one)	YES	NO
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Participation Fee: Please make **\$10.00** checks payable to the '**CITY OF COLUMBIA**'.

Mail to: City of Columbia (Attn: Marla Rose) email: mrose@columbiail.gov
208 S. Rapp Ave.
P.O. Box 467
Columbia, IL 62236

The undersigned hereby releases, indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the City of Columbia, participating merchants, civic groups and all affiliates, on account for damages, injury, theft or losses of any kind to the undersigned property, or for personal damages or injury.

Applicant Signature

Date



City of Columbia, 208 South Rapp Avenue, Columbia, IL 62236