



Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association (HMBA)
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Hendersonville Merchants & Business Association

Christmas Parade

Theme: Country Christmas Lights

Saturday, December 5, 2026 6:00 PM

Line Up at 4:00

THEME: "Country Christmas Lights"

Family Friendly Event

Decorate for Christmas

Fee: \$75.00 per entry - car clubs and groups with more than 10 vehicles need to contact HMBA for pricing differences and rules by HPD.

Entry Deadline: **When 112 entries have been reached, we have to stop.** If space is still available, entries will be accepted no later than **November 21.** Spaces fill quickly get your application in early.

Please complete the application and mail with check made payable to HMBA (Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association) PO Box 6043, Hendersonville, NC 28793 or choose the pay online option.

*If you do not fill out the application completely, your application will not be accepted.

Parade Application:

Organization/Club or Family

Name: _____

Location (e.g from Etowah):

Address: _____

Contact Name:

Phone - day _____

Phone – Evening _____

Phone – Cell _____

*Entry description& size

(such as car, truck & trailer 40 feet combined length) Length of entry:

Will your entry have sound? Yes No

Will the sound be amplified? Yes No

Do you want your entry to be included in prize judging? Yes No

Special needs or requests

(we will try to accommodate as best as we are able)

REQUIRED

Tell us about your business or organization, awards or special message
for Media announcers.

CategoryFees	Political Parties \$75.00
School/Scout Troops \$ make donation	Individual Family car \$25.00
Fire/Emergency Entry \$ make donation	
Non-profits \$ make donation	
Business/commercial \$75.00	
Political Candidate \$75.00	Total\$_____

Agreement:

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by all parade rules and regulations. All members of our group have read and agree to the parade rules and regulations. I understand that I will not be allowed to participate in the parade and the entry fee will be forfeited if my group violates any rules and regulations. My group fully responsible for their actions and holds the Hendersonville Merchants and Business Association harmless from any and all claims, injuries or damages arising from our involvement in the parade.

Signed _____

Date _____

Report to lineup area at Oakland Street/Hendersonville High School parking area no later than 4:00 PM if planning for your entry to be judged, 5:00 PM if not in the judging. Entries must have or know their space number. Parade officials will assist you with lineup.

Make checks payable to:

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Parade Rules and Regulations

Completed, signed application with payment must be received by Friday, November 15, 2026.

- NO BOX VEHICLES (safety concerns per HPD)
- NO SUGGESTIVE, OFFENSIVE OR INAPPROPRIATE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED. This is a family friendly parade.
- NO alcoholic beverages are allowed on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant at any time during the parade, smoking is also prohibited.
- All entries are encouraged to use the theme: "Country Christmas Lights!"
- Each entry must include a sign or banner with the organization's name
- Entries can be NO WIDER than 12 feet, NO HIGHER than 13.5 feet and NO LONGER than 70 feet.
- Throwing items from any parade entry is **strictly prohibited**. Any action that would draw spectators to the street while the parade is enroute is **strictly prohibited**. Designated persons should go to the individuals on the sidewalk rather than encouraging children and other spectators to step into the street to hand out fliers, literature, candy, etc. Candy baskets must be filled from the back end of the float only.
- NO REVVING OF ENGINES WHILE ON PARADE ROUTE, ALL WHEELS MUST STAY ON THE STREET AT ALL TIMES. Parade officials WILL remove your entry immediately.
- Large commercial vehicles or panel trucks are not allowed unless they are fully decorated and approved.
- The parade will not be cancelled due to rain, snow, cold or heat, come prepared for the weather.
- Entries must have or know their space number, please call 828-692-4179 if you don't know it the morning of the parade.
- Parade officials will assist you with lineup. Parade officials are authorized to enforce the rules of the parade. They do have the right to pull your entry if you fail to comply with the rules set forth by the parade committee and Hendersonville City Police.

The parade starts promptly at 6:00 PM. Units not prepared to leave on time will be bypassed.

Refunds will NOT be given for NO SHOWS.

All units are to exit only at the end of the parade route. No units are to exit prior to end of the parade route with the exception of mechanical breakdown.

ONLY 1 SANTA IN OUR PARADE. NO OTHER SANTA, PLASTIC OR OTHERWISE WILL BE ALLOWED.

RULES FOR AWARDS JUDGING

- 1- Entries will be included for awards judging only if indicated on application.
- 2- Entries must comply with rules and regulations.
- 3- Judging will be done prior to the parade in parade lineup. All entries, including persons, should be in position no later than 4:00 PM. Any entry not in place by the designated time will not be judged.
- 4- Criteria for awards are: attractiveness, best use of theme and originality. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded prior to traveling the parade route.
- 5- Decisions of the judges are final.

Questions?

Contact HMBA at 828-692-4179, leave a message and we will call back.

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