2026 McMinnville City Christmas Parade

Holly Dolly Christmas

Saturday, December 5th

Parade starts: 2:00PM, Lineup begins at 11:00AM

Starts at Milner Rec. Center, down Main St. to Colville St.

Entry Cost: $35

Registration due November 23rd; register at the Milner Rec. Center or call 931-473-1212

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December 5th at 2:00 PM

Registration Deadline: **November 23rd**

Absolutely no late admissions! Anything after November 23rd will be turned away.

Entry Fee: $35

Please Circle One

Organization/ Group/ Individual

Name: _____

Main Contact: _____

Address: _____

_____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Items of Consent

No Candy/ Handouts etc. can be distributed from parade entries Initial:_____

Entry must be decorated per parade theme. Initial:_____

All trucks pulling floats must be 1 ton or less Initial:_____

We will_____ We will not ____ have up to 6 walkers distributing candy (Initial one)

My entry will be a: Initial:

A. Car _____

B. Float/ Truck and Trailer _____

C. Firetruck _____

D. Horse/ Hitch _____

E. Other _____ (Please Specify)

Maximum Float Size including pulling device (50'L x 10'W x 12'H)

Please Specify Float Length _____

Width _____ **Height** _____

Category you would like to be judged in:

_____ Band (no entry fee)

_____ School/ Sponsored Group (no entry fee)

_____ Church/ Civic Group/ Community Organization/ Large Non-Profit

_____ Small Club/Non Profit (Less than 20 members)

_____ Business Entry (One unit per entry)

_____ Horse/Mule and Rider Club (limit 6 horses & riders per entry, one hitch per entry)

_____ Antique Car and Truck (must be 1995 or earlier)
Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

_____ Most unusual vehicle

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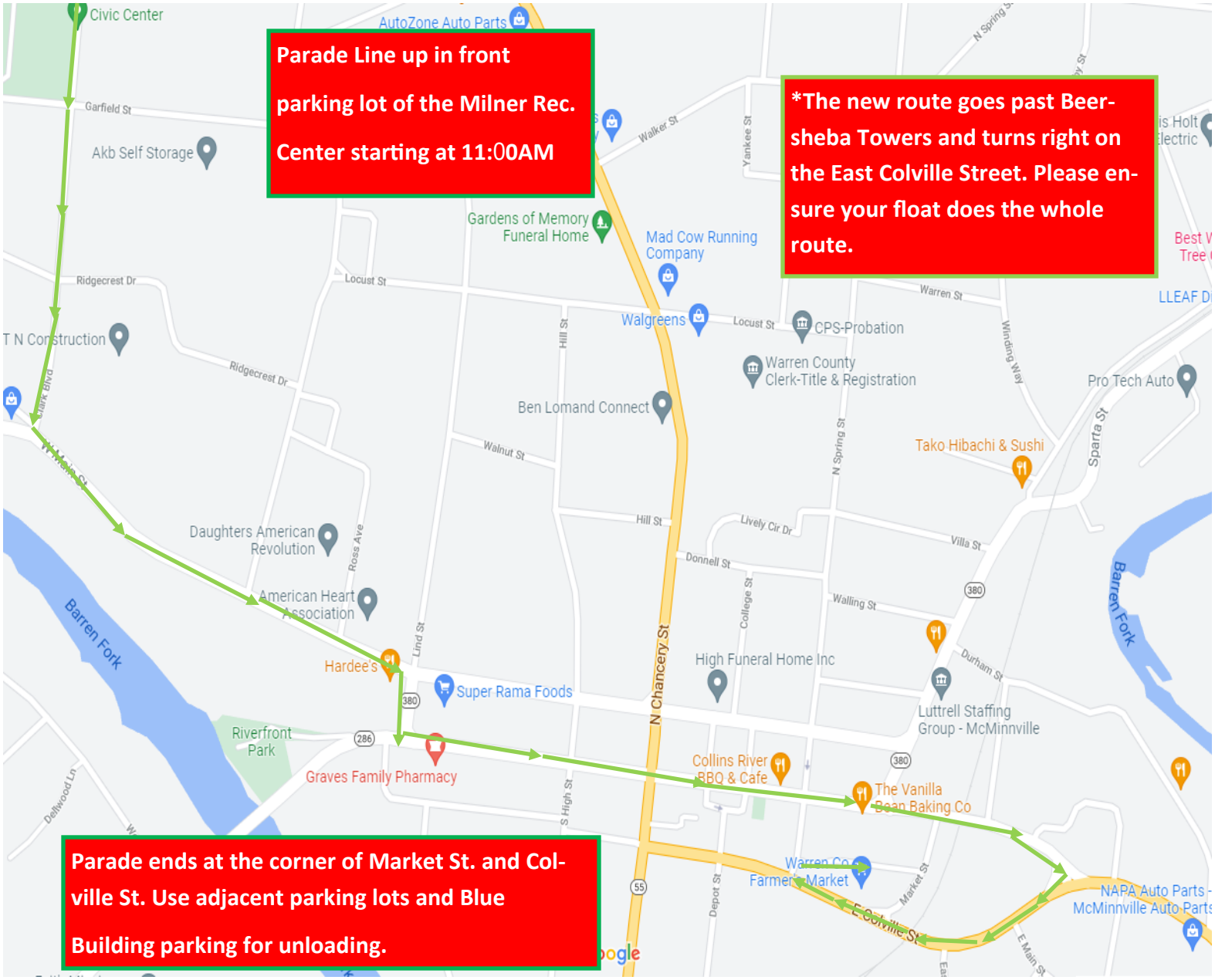
Award Categories

Theme: Holly Dolly Christmas

1. People's Choice Award	1st	$200
2. Best Band	1st	$100
3. School/ Sponsored Group	1st	$200
	2nd	$150
	3rd	$100
4. Church/ Civic Group/ Community Organization/ Large Non-Profit	1st	$100
	2nd	$75
	3rd	$50
5. Small Club/ Non Profit (less than 20 members)	1st	$100
	2nd	$75
	3rd	$50
6. Business (Trophies given for 1st and 2nd)	1st	$50
	2nd	$25
7. Horse and Rider Club/ Mule or Horse and Hitch	1st	$50
	2nd	$25
8. Antique Car or Truck	1st	$75
	2nd	$50
	3rd	$25

2026 Christmas Parade Route



City of McMinnville
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Tennessee

2026 McMinnville Christmas Parade Rules

1. NOTHING (including but not limited to candy, flags, trinkets, handbills, and coupons) will be thrown or distributed in any form from a parade float. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate eviction from the parade.

2. The distribution of candy will be allowed by parade participants under the following stipulations:
   - **Candy will not be thrown. It must be handed or lightly tossed to the intended recipient.**
   - The person(s) distributing candy must be a minimum of 14 years old.
   - The person(s) distributing candy will walk as close to the sidewalk or parade observers as possible such that no candy will fall near or under parade entries.
   - Up to six (6) people per entry can distribute candy.

3. No Tractor Trailers (semis) will be permitted in the parade.

4. All entries must be decorated in accordance with the Christmas Parade Theme. **(**Holly Dolly Christmas**)**

5. Maximum float/entry size will be 50 feet long by 10 feet wide by 12 feet high including the pulling device.

6. Floats or trailers shall be pulled by a farm tractor, car, horse(s), or pickup truck no larger than one ton in size.

7. All entries shall have a 36-inch (minimum) sign on each side of their entry neatly printed and clearly visible for the judges and parade viewers.
   - A. All school, church, civic groups and businesses should display their organization's name on the side of the float, vehicle pulling the float, or truck carrying participants.
   - B. Horse clubs can have their signs only on the lead hoarse affixed to the saddlebags with the name of their club.
   - C. Antique car and truck entries need the type of vehicle, year of manufacture, and name of the owner/driver.

8. All music played during the parade must be holiday music.

9. Horse entries are limited to **one rider per horse**.

10.NOTE: Horse entries are required to have street appropriate shoes or pads. Steel shoes are not allowed.

11. Horse groups are required to attend a meeting on November 30th at 6PM at the Milner Recreation Center. Failure to appear will result in exclusion from parade with no refund. *(see back)

12. To comply with McMinnville's "leash law" there will be no "unleashed" animals allowed with parade participants.

13. To facilitate continuity of the parade, no entry shall stop along the parade route for any reason including loading or unloading riders or for pictures.

14.No four-wheelers, skateboards or go-carts will be permitted in the parade.

15. Inline or roller skaters are only permitted in the parade if associated with a skating rink. All Skaters must be at least 12 years old.

16. NO ALCOHOLIC beverages or their use will be permitted by parade participants either in the staging area or during the parade. Anyone suspected of alcohol use will be reported to the McMinnville Police Department.

17. ONLY PARADE ENTRIES will be allowed into the staging area. This means decoration must be completed prior to entering the staging area and **participants will need to walk into the staging area that are not already on the entry**. Do Not Ask!

18. Parade Line-up and route
   - A. See attached route map.
   - B. Line up will start at 11AM at the Milner Recreation Center. All entries and participants must be in their assigned location by 1:00PM. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the parade. Parade lineup will leave the Millner Recreation Center Staging Area at 1:30 PM.
   - C. The Parade will start at 2:00PM.
   - D. All entries will complete the parade route and exit only at approved locations after the official end of the parade.

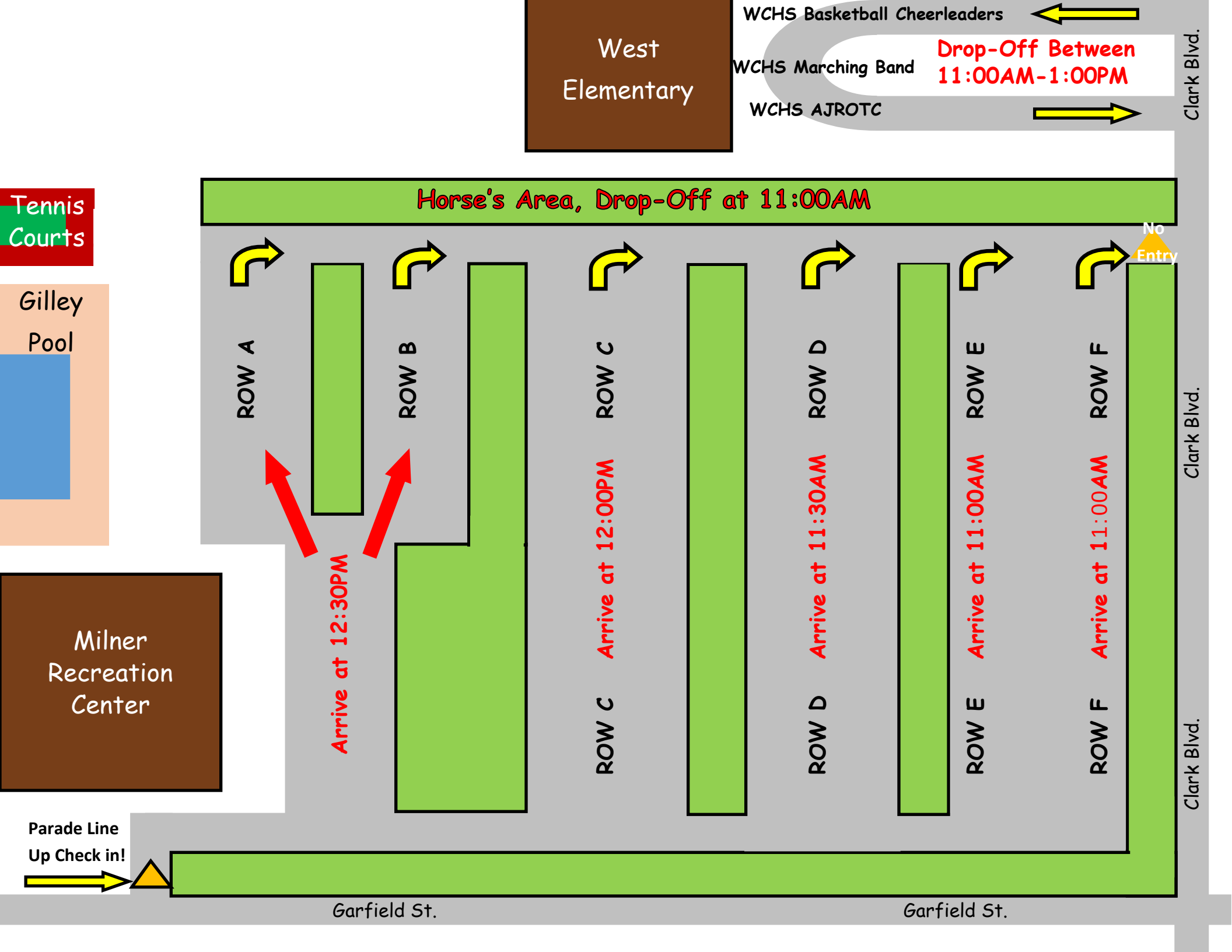
(See back for End of Parade Procedures)

End of Parade

E. The parade will officially end at the intersection of Colville Street and Market Street.
F. Parking lots adjacent to Beersheba Highway and at the Blue Building will be available for unloading.
G. NO personal vehicles will be permitted to enter the Farmer's Market area for pickup of participants.
H. All traffic will leave the Farmer's Market area via the West (Spring Street) exit.
I. PERSONAL SAFETY IS OF UPMOST IMPORTANCE, SO EACH ENTRY IS RESOPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING PICKUP OF PARTICIPANTS AT YOUR SELECTED DROPOFF POINT. Personal safety, parking availability, and traffic flow should be considered when selecting your drop off point.

19. We all know there is only "ONE" Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause and they will be riding on the last float in the parade.

***Horse trailers must be dropped off at Farmers Market day of event. This alleviates safety concerns for horses + riders coming back to Milner Center after Parade has concluded.**


West Elementary
WCHS Basketball Cheerleaders
WCHS Marching Band
WCHS AJROTC
Drop-Off Between 11:00AM-1:00PM
Clark Blvd.
Horse's Area, Drop-Off at 11:00AM
Tennis Courts
Gilley Pool
No Entry
ROW A
ROW B
ROW C
ROW D
ROW E
ROW F
Arrive at 12:30PM
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Arrive at 11:30AM
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Milner Recreation Center
Parade Line Up Check in!
Garfield St.
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