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Hometown Christmas

DECEMBER 6, 2025 * 10TH ANNUAL * SCHEDULE: TOWNOFKIRKWOOD.ORG * QUESTIONS: 607-725-8663



HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKING CONTEST

Join the fun this holiday season and showcase your baking talents. We look forward to tasting your cookies!

- Contestants must bake 6 dozen of the same cookie at their home
- Name, address, phone number and type of cookie must be on the bottom of your disposable box, plate or tray
- Set-up: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm on 12/6/25 at Town Garage, 70 Crescent Dr, Kirkwood
- Judging: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Non-disposable trays are not the responsibility of the Hometown Christmas Committee and must be picked up at the end of judging or they will be thrown out
- Any cookies containing nuts should be clearly marked
- Cash prize! Winner will be announced at the Town Garage at 3 pm

JUDGING CRITERIA

☐ PRESENTATION ☐ QUALITY ☐ TASTE

FREE TO
ENTER!



CHILI COOK-OFF

Take the chill off by heating up the holidays!

- Contestants must make 6 quarts of chili (no more, no less)
- People's choice! Participating public will receive one (1) ticket to vote for their favorite chili
- Set-up: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm on 12/6/25 at Town Garage, 70 Crescent Dr, Kirkwood
- Public Tasting & Voting: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, or until gone
- Name, address, and phone number must be on container
- Electricity will be provided, along with tasting cups, spoons and serving gloves.
- Cooks will serve up their chili to individuals as long as their chili lasts. *(No one under the age of 15 allowed behind the serving table or allowed to serve)*
- Cash prize! Winner will be announced at the Town Garage at 3 pm

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Build your own edible Gingerbread House!

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- Houses must be made and constructed at home
- Set-up: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm on 12/6/25 at Town Garage, 70 Crescent Dr, Kirkwood
 - Your team will place house on display table and house will not be moved until end of voting
- Public voting will take place from 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm.
- Dimensions:
 - Base must not exceed 15" x 15"
 - Height must not exceed 15"
 - House must be placed on a board base ($\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood recommended. *Thick cardboard or thin wood will bend when lifted due to the weight of the house, which will cause damage to the structure.*)
- Entries must be composed completely of edible material, with the exception of the board base, which can be covered with a layer of aluminum foil, paper or ribbon
- The main structure should be primarily composed of gingerbread
- Any entry with non-edible components can remain on display, but will be automatically be disqualified
- Edible materials are not limited to sweets, but no artificial display materials such as styrofoam or interior lighting is allowed
- Candies must be unwrapped and free of non-edible materials (like lollipop sticks, etc.)
- Name, address, and phone number must be on the bottom of your entry, *along with a list of supplies used & location*
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced at the Town Garage at 3 pm. Winning houses will be on display at Schneider's Market during the holidays.
- Non-placing houses must be picked up following awards at 3 pm or they will be thrown out

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REGISTRATION

Please submit the corresponding registration form no later than December 3rd

By mail:

Town of Kirkwood

Kirkwood Hometown Christmas

70 Crescent Drive, Kirkwood, NY 13795

By email:

kirkwoodhometownchristmas@gmail.com



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HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE

The Kirkwood Hometown Christmas is looking forward to receiving your registration and working with you as we present our annual Holiday Lights Parade on Sat, Dec 6, 2025.

*The Holiday Lights Parade will be followed by the
Lighting Ceremony of the Town Christmas Tree at Valley Park.*

Both the Parade Registration Form and the Waiver & Release Form must be filled out, signed and received by December 3rd. If both forms are not completed, your registration form will be returned.

- **THEME:** Hometown Christmas/Holiday
- **SIGNAGE:** A sign stating the name of your business/org/group/club must be hanging on the driver's side of the float or carried by someone, if walking.
- **MUSIC:** Must be consistent with the holiday theme.
- **"SANTA CLAUS":** You may NOT use either a live Santa or Mrs. Claus or a representation of either character. The use of elves or other holiday characters is acceptable. *(Reason: The final float in the parade is designated for Santa, so this will avoid duplication and confusion for young spectators.)*
- **GOODIES/GIVEAWAYS/HANDOUTS:** Participants may hand out candy, but are not permitted to throw candy, literature, or any other items or "goodies" from a parade unit or from participants on a unit. With the parade at night and the street in virtual darkness, this type of activity is hazardous to spectators and participants.
- **YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:** Although encouraged to participate, due to the length of the parade route, we suggest that those with young children use a float or truck to transport them.
- **EXPECTATIONS:** No hot-roding, hot shots or wheelies allowed during the parade for spectator safety. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification and removal.
- **LINEUP:** Lineup at 5:30. Parade will start at 6:00 on the corner of Haskins Rd and Daisy Lane and ends at Kirkwood Town Garage. You will be given a spot as you pull up to line. No large tractor trailer flat beds are allowed.
- **JUDGING:** Please have your unit stop in front of the judging stand on the corner of Francis and Roberts Street.
- **PARKING:** Parking is limited, so please try to carpool with others in your group, even if you are just dropping off. This will help eliminate traffic in the set up area.
- **INSURANCE:** We encourage those participating in the parade to check into insurance implications related to your entry's participation. The Town of Kirkwood does not provide insurance coverage.



PARADE LINEUP: 5:30 / START TIME: 6:00

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