

# 2024 Holiday Happenings Event Guide

**Twinkling Christmas**  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

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**Wishing You a Merry Christmas and  
Happy Holiday Season from  
Oskaloosa Main Street and  
Mahaska Chamber & Development Group**



**QUESTIONS?**

641-672-2591 | 222 1st Ave E | Oskaloosa, IA | mahaskachamber.org



Saturday, Nov. 23

**\*Turn on the Lights!**

5:30-8pm - City Square Park  
5:30pm - Oskaloosa City Band  
6pm - Painting with Lights turn on, Raffle  
Drawing, Food trucks + more!

**Stam Garden Center & Nursery**

**Open House**  
9am-6pm | 641.672.1437

Wednesday, Nov. 27

**Thanksgiving Eve Bash**

Rock Island Tap | 8-11pm  
641.676.7625

**Thanksgiving Bake Sale**

Mahaska Drug | 641.673.3439

Friday, Nov. 29

**Collector & Vendor Fair (Nov. 29-30)**

Penn Central Mall | Mall Hours  
641.673.9414

**Stam Garden Center & Nursery Open House (Nov. 29-30)**

9am-6pm | 641.672.1437  
Winter Arrangement Class Everyday 9-4pm

Saturday, Nov. 30

**Small Business Saturday**

Support Small Businesses! Specials and  
giveaways at participating retailers.

**Christmas Extravaganza**

Mahaska Drug | 11am-3pm  
641.673.3439

**Bon Appetit in Oskaloosa Main Street**

2024 Elevate Tour | 1:30-4pm  
Traveling foodie trail with samples from  
Main Street District eateries. \$20 ticket,  
purchased day of. Check mahaskachamber.org /calendar for locations.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Oskaloosa Eagle's Club | 11am-1pm  
641.673.4227

**\*Merry Little Downtown Christmas**

City Square Park | 5:30-7:30pm  
Holiday Fun and Festivities! Horse-  
drawn wagon rides, pictures with Santa,  
cookies, cider, and cocoa.

Sunday, Dec. 1

**2024 Angel Breakfast**

First Presbyterian Church | 9am  
641.673.8879

Monday, Dec. 2

**Young Ambassador Ceremony**

Penn Central Mall - Center Court | 6-7pm  
Event for Young Ambassador Contestants,  
Friends, and family members.  
641.672.2591

Ongoing Events

**Santa's Village**

Penn Central Mall | 641.673.9414  
November 29 - 1-3pm  
November 30 - 11:30am-3pm  
\*Lunch with Santa 11:30am-12:30pm  
December: Saturdays and Sundays 1-3pm  
Wednesdays - 5-7pm

**Free Train Rides**

November 26 - 5-7pm  
December 3, 10, 17 - 5-7pm

**Santa Hours at Mahaska Drug**

November 30 - 11am-3pm  
December 7 - 11am-2pm  
December 14 - 1-5pm  
December 21 - 11am-5pm  
December 24 - 11am-1pm

**Mahaska County YMCA Christmas Tree Sales**

Now-while supplies last  
Monday-Friday 4-6pm  
Saturday 10am-6pm  
Sunday 12-5pm

**Annual Christmas Giving Tree**

NOW through December 9.  
Drop off: Oskaloosa Police Dept., Walmart,  
or Mahaska Drug

Tuesday, Dec. 4

**TruBank Holiday Open House**

302 S Market St | 4-6pm  
641.673.8405

**Pennember Fest**

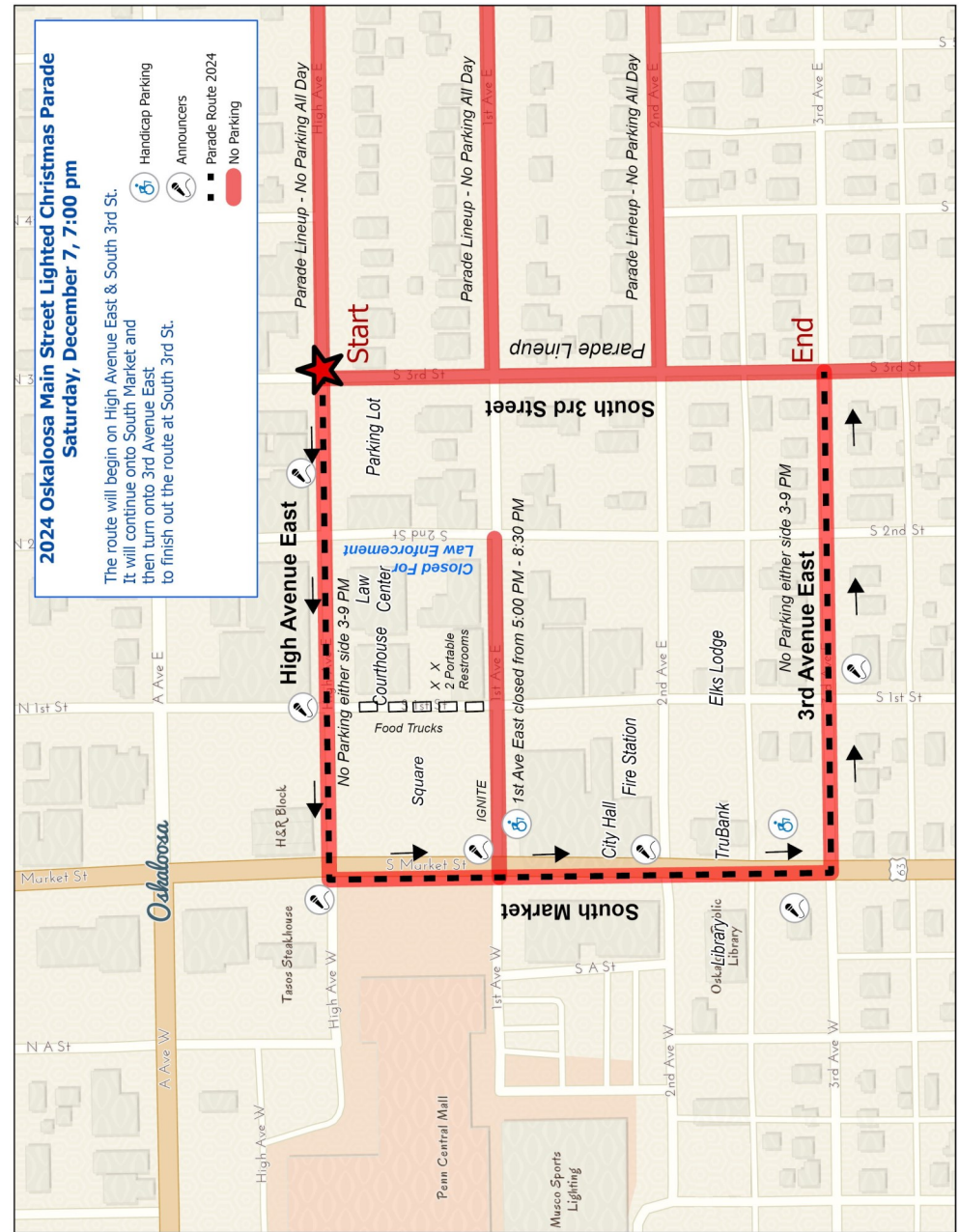
William Penn University PAC | 6-7:30pm  
1.800.779.7366

Thursday, Dec. 5

**'One Twinkling Star' Concert**

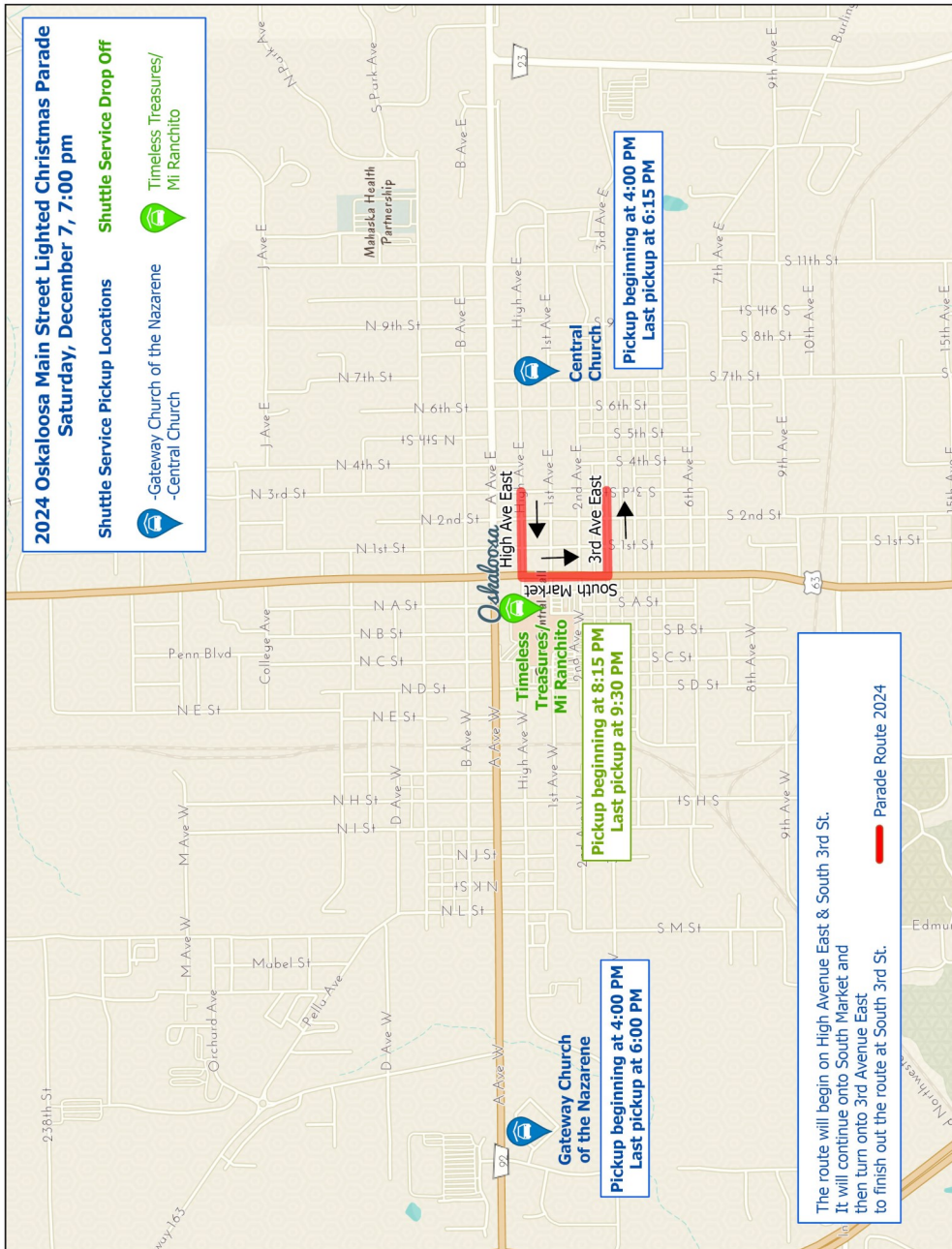
Penn Central Mall - Center Court | 6:30pm

# 2024 Lighted Christmas Parade Route





# FREE 10/15 Shuttle Service Parking Information



## Friday, Dec. 6

**Holiday Tour of Homes**  
 Annual Sieda Holiday Tour of Homes  
 12/6: 5-8pm & 12/7:12-4pm

**COMMOTION: A Tribute to the Music of Creedence Clearwater Revival**  
 George Daily Auditorium | 7pm  
 641.672.0799

## Saturday, Dec. 7

**Holiday Bake and Vendor Sale**  
 Oskaloosa Christian School | 8am-1pm  
 641.672.2174

## Craft & Vendor Fair

Penn Central Mall | 10am-3pm  
 641.673.9414

**Mahaska Drug Christmas Scavenger Hunt Extravaganza**  
 Find the Hidden Pickles! Visit Santa  
 11am-2pm | 641.673.3439

**Hot Cocoa and Coffee**  
 First Presbyterian Church | 6-7pm  
 Fellowship Hall | 641.673.8879

## "Twinkling Christmas" Lighted Christmas Parade

4pm-6pm - Horse-drawn wagon rides  
 6pm 'Dancing Lights' Show  
**7pm Parade Start**  
 Enjoy food trucks, cookies, cocoa, and more!  
 Please see maps for street closures.

## Sunday, Dec. 8

**Merry Tuba Christmas**  
 Penn Central Mall - Center Court | 3:30pm  
 641.673.9414

**Cookies and a Christmas Movie**  
 Bethel Baptist Church | 4-6pm  
 320.293.3624

## Monday, Dec. 9

**WPU Christmas Concert**  
 Penn Central Mall - Center Court | 7pm

## Thursday, Dec. 12

**Deck the Halls with Bingo Calls**  
 Mahaska Drug | 5-7pm  
 641.673.3439

## Friday, Dec. 13

**Ladies' Holiday Luncheon**  
 Debbie's Celebration Barn | 11:30-1pm  
 Come for the food, entertainment, and door prizes! Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance.  
 641.672.2591

## Saturday, Dec. 14

**Winter Market/Craft & Vendors**  
 Penn Central Mall | 10am-3pm  
 641.673.9414

## Sunday, Dec. 15

**Board Games at the Mall**  
 Penn Central Mall | 1-5pm  
 641.673.9414

## Jingle Jam

Gateway Church of the Nazarene | 5-8pm  
 641.673.3417

## First CRC Candlelight Service

First Christian Reformed Church | 6pm  
 641.673.4272

## Wednesday, Dec. 18

**Sip & Craft: Growler Painting**  
 Full Bloom Brewhouse | 5:30-7:30pm  
 641.676.3831

## Thursday, Dec. 19

**Sip & Craft: Holiday Centerpiece**  
 Full Bloom Brewhouse | 5:30-7:30pm  
 641.676.3831

## Christmas Italian Dinner

Rosso & Wine, G&G Pronto | 7-9pm  
 641.676.8466

## Friday, Dec. 20

**Holiday Flight Release**  
 Full Bloom Brewhouse | 5:30-7:30pm  
 641.676.3831

## Saturday, Dec. 21

**Collector & Vendor Fair**  
 Penn Central Mall | Mall Hours  
 641.673.9414

## Family Cookie Decorating + Santa

Full Bloom Brewhouse | 2pm  
 641.676.3831

### Saturday, Dec. 21 Cont. Moonlight Magic

Mahaska Drug | 5-7pm  
641.673.3439

### Date Night Evening + Ugly Sweater And Live Music

Full Bloom Brewhouse | 7pm  
641.676.3831

### Sunday, Dec. 22 First CRC Sunday School Program

First Christian Reformed Church | 9:30am  
641.673.4272

### Holiday Trivia

Full Bloom Brewhouse | 641.676.3831

### First CRC Christmas Caroling

First Christian Reformed Church | 6pm  
641.673.4272

## DINING, SNACKS, AND DRINKS

Visit any of our dining establishments while strolling downtown Oskaloosa. The following options are within walking distance of City Square Park:

- American Table Restaurant/The P.O. Box Sports Bar - 208 N. Market St.
- Bredeaux Pizza - 215 A Ave E
- Bridget's Public House - 208 1st Ave E
- Hy-Vee Deli - 110 S D Street
- Hunter's Coffee Café - 113 High Ave W
- Jaarsma Bakery - 201 A Ave E
- Julie's Homestyle Café (Breakfast hours only on Saturday— 216 S Market St.
- Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant - 200 High Ave W
- Pizza Den - 214 A Ave E
- Pizza Ranch - 120 High Ave W
- G&G Pronto - 200 High Ave W
- Smokey Row Coffee House - 109 S Market St
- Spirit Café - 104 1st Ave E
- Tasos' Steakhouse - 109 High Ave W

Several organizations, groups, and businesses will have snacks and drinks for sale throughout the parade route.

### Tuesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Santa Sing-a-long

Mahaska Drug | 11am-1pm  
641.673.3439

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Gateway Church of the Nazarene | 5pm  
641.673.3417

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

First Presbyterian Church | 7pm  
641.673.8879

## PARADE RULES

Oskaloosa Police Department states candy **cannot** be thrown from a float or moving vehicle. Candy and other items can only be handed out by those walking with the parade entry.

The parade route will be taped off to keep the crowd at a safe distance from the parade entries. For the safety of the float drivers, walkers, and parade-goers, please follow the guidance provided by local Law Enforcement, CERT, and Crowd Control officials throughout the duration of the parade.

## RESTROOMS

- There will be two portable restrooms placed along the parade route. See map.
- Some downtown businesses will remain open during the parade, please ask management for restroom access.
- Penn Central Mall (200 High Ave W), Hy-Vee (110 S D St.), and Fareway (311 3rd Ave W) have public restrooms available during operating hours.

## IMPORTANT PARKING & STREET INFO FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 7 - LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

### PARKING & STREET CLOSURES

Official parade event map with street closures and parking information located on the back of this brochure. View parade map online at [www.mahaskachamber.org](http://www.mahaskachamber.org)

Streets around the parade route will close at 6PM, one hour before the parade begins. Roads will reopen post-parade at approx. 8:30PM

### PARKING NOTICES-SEE MAP ON BACK

On Saturday, Dec. 7:

- NO PARKING all day along parade lineup streets. See map.
- Vehicles parked in NO PARKING areas will be ticketed.
- There are a number of free public parking lots and on-street parking in downtown Oskaloosa area. Cars must be parked before roads close.

### HANDICAP PARKING

Handicap parking has been reserved at TruBank in the west parking lot as marked and Handicap spots marked on 1st Ave E.