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## **Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade to Take Place Saturday, Dec. 13**

**December 5, 2008** - The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. This is the first time in many years that the parade has been held at night. The theme for this year's parade is "A Fantasy of Lights." Entrants are encouraged to use lights in their decorating.

The parade will begin at the intersection of Viking Road and the Oak Ridge Turnpike. It will continue east on the Turnpike and will end at Jackson Plaza located at the intersection of Central Avenue and the Turnpike.

In addition to the change in time for the parade, the line-up procedure for this year's parade will be different than in years past.

Greta Ownby, Executive Vice President of the Chamber said, "We will have volunteers on hand the night of the parade to help direct participants to the right spot, but it will be very helpful for participants to know where they're going when they arrive. All participants will receive information from the Chamber detailing where they need to line up."

There are nearly 100 entries in this year's parade: marching bands from both middle schools and the high school will be marching, there will be dogs and horses, antique and classic cars and trucks, choirs from area churches and schools, cheerleaders, clowns, and, of course Santa. He will be the final entry in the parade and will be at his workshop in the Grove Center until 6:30.

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The reviewing stand for the judges for the parade will be located in front of the UT building at 1201 Oak Ridge Turnpike. Altrusa will be decorating the reviewing stand and has secured judges for the parade.

Following the parade, the community is invited to gather in Jackson Square where the merchant's association will be serving hot chocolate, coffee and dessert.

For additional information, contact the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce at 483-1321 or log onto the Chamber's website: [www.orcc.org](http://www.orcc.org).

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