Oktemberfest Notice: Street Closures

Downtown Street closures

Effective - Sept 22 to 28, 2026 (details as of 9-21-2026 - subject to change)

To accommodate E Main St being closed for reconstruction, Oktemberfest will have a few changes to its traditional operating layout downtown. The festival will move back to being adjacent to Main St and Center.
Please continue to support our downtown businesses that are going to still be open.

Notable closure times:

Tues:
S 1st Ave - ½ block between State and Main, 1 block of S 1st Ave between Main and Church, and the City Annex Lot (east of Courthouse) – will close after 8 pm for the Carnival staging and setup, and remain closed until Sun evening.
8:00 pm Tues – approx. 8:00 pm Sun

Wed:
One block of E Main St from Center to 1st Ave to place food vendors
8:00 pm Wed – approx. 8:00 pm Sun

Thurs:
N Center St – ½ block north of Main at the alley mid-block
Main Stage placement
8:00 pm Thurs – approx. 8:00 am Mon

S Center St - 1 block of S 1st Ave between Main and Church
8:00 pm Thurs – approx. 9:00 pm Sun

W Main - 3 blocks from Center to 3rd St.
Approx 3 pm Thurs until 10 pm - partial closure/reopen for Fri traffic
Approx 3 pm Fr until approx. 9:00 pm Sun
Closed to through traffic during evenings and activities each day.

Fri:
W Main St will be open most of the day up until around 3 pm. At that time, it will begin a slow closure from Center St to 3rd St., to allow for to allow for Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show entries' parking to start.
***** Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show points of entry:**
***** Please enter W Main from the west at 3rd St,**
Directions for parking will be provided from there.
The Registration tent will be near the corner of 3rd St and W Main.

Portions of S Center and W Main will remain closed to through traffic overnight Fri until it reopens Sun evening

Sat:
W Main St S Center will be closed most of the day starting around 8 am to allow for the 5K Run/Walk, GrandParade, the Cornhole Bags Tournament, Food and Craft Vendors, Live Music Concerts, and Carnival.
Street closures for portions of the Parade staging and route, along and across the parade route and staging areas.
Please do not drive across people's lawns to get around the barricades in place for the safety of all participants and coordinators. Plan accordingly with alternate routes around this area, and remind employees/coworkers as needed. If you live in this area, you will be receiving a postcard reminder to have all vehicles along the route moved to an alternate side street for that day.

North/South traffic should use 3rd Ave to State St, or west of S 12th St.

An Emergency vehicle crossing will be maintained at Church and 3rd St for Police, Fire, or Ambulance needs during the parade from 10 am until about 12:30 pm.

5K Run/Walk, and Parade Staging & Route

Closures and restricted travel will start around 7AM Saturday morning for the start of the 5K and for parade staging, and will remain Closed until the end of the parade. Everything west of 1st St will be opened at the end of the parade.

Parade
Lineups and Staging for the Grand Parade starts around Miller School, west Church and west Main around 8 am, with the parade traveling east on Church starting at 10 am.

2026 Parade Lineup (Rev 2 as of Sept 21)

Parade Staging and Route! < < < < <

Parade Lineups! < < < < <

After the Parade, Main St will open to normal traffic for everything west of 1st St. The immediate downtown will remain closed to vehicle traffic for the remainder of the weekend.

Sun
All food vendors are expected to be loaded out by Sun evening.
The Main Stage and vendors will be removed from Center St Sun evening or early Mon morning, and open to normal traffic as soon as practical Sun evening/Mon morning after cleanup is finished, and the carnival moved out of the 1st Ave location.
The Carnival will have most or all of its equipment moved out by Sun evening. That will allow final cleanup late Sun and to open the Annex Lot and N & S 1st Ave to normal traffic after cleanup.