

Opening Ceremony • June 5, 2026

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Food, fun, parade of athletes, lighting of the State Games torch and spectacular fireworks!

Festivities kick-off at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Meridian, MS



STREET CLOSINGS

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- 7th Street between 23rd Avenue to 24th Avenue

5:30 to 10 p.m.

- 7th Street from 23rd Avenue to 26th Avenue
- 25th between 7th & 8th Street
- East lane of 23rd Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets
- North lane of 6th Street by City Hall

NO PARKING

AFTER 5:30 P.M.

FIREWORKS FALLOUT

NO-PARK ZONES

- 6th Street between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue
- 5th Street between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue

GETTING to DOWNTOWN VIA 22ND AVE.:

From I-20 (Jackson/Hattiesburg)

Take exit 153 off I-20.

At traffic light, take left onto 22nd Ave. (Sela Ward Blvd.)

From I-20 (Tuscaloosa/Birmingham)

Take exit 153 off I-20

At traffic light, take right onto 22nd Ave. (Sela Ward Blvd.)

ONCE ON 22ND AVE.:

Follow 22nd Ave. to 22nd Avenue overpass; continue until reaching 8th Street — take left on 8th street. Parking will be at the Arts District Parking Garage (722 24th Ave.) and throughout the downtown core.

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