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Amigo Man rides down Montana Avenue past the crowd during the 88th annual Glasheen, Valles & Inderman Injury Lawyers Sun Bowl Parade on Nov. 27, 2025. PHOTOS BY GABY VELASQUEZ/ EL PASO TIMES

El Paso Thanksgiving Day parade 2026

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The 90th Annual Glasheen, Valles & Inderman Injury Lawyers Sun Bowl Parade is going Hollywood this year.

The Thanksgiving Day parade's theme will be "Famous Sports & Movie Scenes," giving float designers a wide range of interpretation.

The annual parade is one of El Paso's most treasured traditions. It draws about 200,000 people each year and is considered El Paso's most attended event by the Sun Bowl Association.

Here is what to know about the Thanksgiving Day parade 2026.

Grand Marshal will be Amigo Man

Amigo Man will be the Grand Marshal, representing El Paso's warmth and hospitality for decades.

Amigo Man has represented El Paso pride and the heart of El Paso for about 50 years.

El Paso Thanksgiving parade route

The parade starts at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at the intersection of Montana Avenue and Ochoa Street and proceeds on Montana until it reaches Copia Street, where it tails off. Families, however, start arriving and parking near the parade route before 8 a.m. to get a good spot.



The Grinch high-fives the crowd during the 88th annual Glasheen, Valles & Inderman Injury Lawyers Sun Bowl Parade on Nov. 27, 2025.

History of Sun Bowl Thanksgiving parade

The El Paso Downtown Lions Club organized the first parade in 1936, and it has since become a family tradition for thousands of El Paso families. The parade was held on New Year's Day until 1978, when the Sun Bowl Association switched to a Thanksgiving Day celebration.

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TCEQ: Marathon refinery broke law, permits

Emissions event brought 478 complaints from area residents

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State air pollution regulators have determined that Marathon Petroleum Corp.'s El Paso refinery violated state law and several state air permits by releasing excessive air pollutants after an equipment malfunction on Aug. 4.

"The quantity and impact of emissions from the event resulted in a condition of air pollution that may tend to be injurious to or to adversely affect human health or welfare, animal life, vegetation, or property," the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality investigation report states.

The state agency released the report Friday, Nov. 20, for the investigation conducted Aug. 5 through Nov. 6.

"The health impacts (to area residents) included headaches, dizziness, nausea, respiratory distress, and sore throats," the report states.

More than 32,000 pounds, or more than 16 tons, of various pollutants, some possibly toxic, were reported to have been released by the refinery on the night of Aug. 4, according to a list in the TCEQ report. That's more emissions than previously reported.

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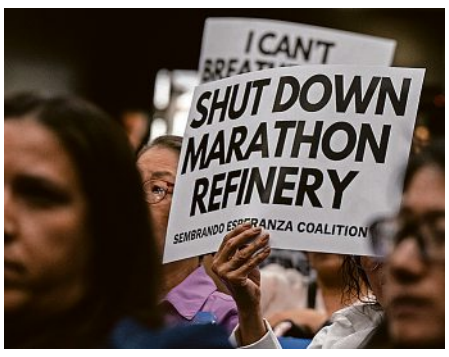

Residents hold signs opposing the Marathon Petroleum refinery during a community meeting at Riverside High School in El Paso on Oct. 6. Community members gathered to hear refinery officials discuss the Aug. 4 emissions event and its impact on nearby neighborhoods.
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