

Anderson Township Independence Day Parade Committee

May 2021

Dear Interested Parade Participant:

Thank you for your interest in this year's Anderson Independence Day Parade, scheduled for **10 a.m. Saturday, July 3.** This will be our 16th annual event, and this year will provide a much needed celebration after a challenging year for us all. However, we are making an even stronger effort to keep the parade at a manageable length and reduce the size of parade entries. This will minimize the time associated with the road closure and provide adequate spacing in our staging area to meet health guidelines. It is imperative that potential participants attempt to structure their entry to be most appealing for our estimated 8,000 spectators.

With this, our Committee suggests you consider the following guidelines/rules:

- Be **CREATIVE** consider a float, or entertainment, or dressing up, **ONLY 60 ENTRIES WILL BE PERMITTED AND THESE WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE APPEAL AND QUALITY OF THE PROPOSED ENTRY**
- All entrants must have **MUSIC** or **NOISE** of some kind, **EXTERIOR AMPLIFICATION AND NOISE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**
- IF GIVEAWAYS ARE PERMITTED THEY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM MOVING VEHICLES, ONLY FROM THOSE ON FOOT ... WALKERS ARE URGED TO GENTLY TOSS THESE ITEMS ALONG THE EDGE OF THE PARADE ROUTE. The Township will post participant information or flyers on their website to minimize the amount of personal contact and litter.
- All entries **MUST** be accompanied by a vehicle to assist if walkers become ill or tired, as well as a **SIGN**, identifying your group for the spectators.
- **ANIMALS** are welcome, but please control their conduct and actions be mindful of others.
- The maximum **HEIGHT** of any entry is 12 feet and **LENGTH** is 25 feet and entries are urged to have 25 or less participants.

Thank you in advance for your interest and understanding, especially given the nature of this year's event. We will strive to ensure the best parade yet, despite this year's limitations, to include the many aspects of our wonderful community for the enjoyment of our spectators. The attached registration form and acknowledgement should be entirely completed and returned via drop off, mail, or email as outlined. Registering does not ensure acceptance in the parade!

For additional questions or comments, please contact me at (513) 688-8604 or via email at <u>ssievers@AndersonTownship.org</u>. If you do not receive communication from Anderson Township within 7 days of your entry submittal, please contact us to ensure it was received.

Sincerely,

Steve

Steve Sievers On Behalf of the 2021 Anderson Parade Committee