



The 2024 Fiesta Days Parade is just around the corner. We want to make this year's parade run smoothly and enjoyably for everyone, so here are a few reminders regarding the requirements for participation in the parade.

- All participants should be advised of their Division and Position in advance. Floats/Entries should start to arrive at the corner of Mill St. and Crystal Lake Rd no earlier than 11:30 am. There will be volunteers directing participants to their division. Parking is limited; please carpool.
- All floats/vehicles for Divisions 1 – 5 must be in line by 12:30 pm for the 1:30 pm start.
- Last call for these divisions will be at 1:15 pm and any entry not in line at this time will be scratched.
- Floats/Vehicles for Divisions 6, 7 & 8 please arrive by 1:30 pm.
- Children and other walkers may be dropped off in the grass lot south of the Metra lot. All participants in divisions 1-5 should be there by 1:15. Participants in divisions 6-8 should be there by 2:00pm. Groups MUST have a representative on hand to meet parents. Drop-offs should enter on Mill Street and will only be allowed to exit south on Crestwood.
- We do not permit advertising on vehicles promoting dealerships outside of our community. Should you need a vehicle, please contact Castle Automotive Group, Buss Ford Lincoln, or Sunnyside Dodge Chrysler. If there are problems with this policy, please contact the chamber office.
- Race cars will not be permitted to start their engines due to the excessive noise.
- Please keep the flow! We understand the gymnasts, karate members, etc. wish to perform during the parade, but stops on the parade route create excessive gaps between entries. This has been our most common criticism in the past. The parade begins with 30 second gaps between entries and we strive to keep that pace throughout the parade. Therefore, longer demonstrations should not be performed except in front of the official viewing stations on Green Street and Pearl Street.
- The parade will be traveling east on Main Street to Green Street (left on Green) to Pearl Street (right on Pearl) to Riverside Drive (left on Riverside) to Washington Street.
- At the end of the parade, if you have walkers that need to meet a parent or guardian or a brief break down of your float, please use Washington Street. All others can continue north on Riverside Drive to McCullom Lake Road to re-enter the city. If you are stopping on Washington, please continue as far west as possible to avoid congestion and overall delay of the parade.
- Children must be picked up by parent or guardian at Washington Street and Court Street. If you have other peoples' children on your float, it is your responsibility to let their parents know where they are to be picked up.

#### **RULES ON PARADE ROUTE**

There will be NO spraying of water, throwing of candy, gum or any kind of articles from floats or cars on the parade route. Walkers adjacent to the floats may pass items out. This is for safety and crowd control. Motorized vehicles are to run at idle only. Emergency vehicles may sound sirens and air horns within reason along the route. Horns may be beeped if wanted. Drivers of parade vehicles and anyone participating in the parade may not drink alcoholic beverages while in the parade.

Thank you for your participation and your cooperation in this matter. We hope this year's parade will be better than ever. Any questions, please email [molly@mchenrychamber.com](mailto:molly@mchenrychamber.com).

Sincerely, Fiesta Days Parade Committee

