



OFFICIAL PARADE APPLICATION

*Application entry deadline: **Friday, June 22, 2012***

Entry Information

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Fax number: _____ Email address: _____

Type of Entry: Float _____ Vehicle _____ Marching (Number of Participants) _____

Other: _____

Additional information regarding your entry: _____

Note: Decorations are **mandatory for all vehicles (except car clubs) entered in the parade. Don't just drive a car or truck to be in the parade. Have fun and be creative!!!**

Commentary

Please include a short paragraph about your entry for the commentator: _____

Parade Route

Parade participants will need to be at 51st Avenue and 95th Street on **9:00AM**, Wednesday, July 4. The parade will **kick off at 10:00 AM sharp**. The parade route will begin westbound on the *center* line of 95th Street and proceed to 55th Ct. We strongly encourage parade participants to bring candy to toss to spectators along the route but ask that you please be careful when tossing candy – please try to get it toward the curb for safety reasons. Both sides of 95th Street will be closed during our event.

If you are operating a vehicle in the parade, you must exercise extreme caution and abide by all the “rules of the road” for the safety of both parade participants and spectators. Any “ticketable” offense that can be written based on current laws apply, and anyone violating those laws will be ticketed.

If you have any questions or require additional information before Thursday, June 28, please contact Chad Weiler at (708) 499-7821 or email cweiler@oaklawn-il.gov. Otherwise, please see Deanne Adasiak on parade day at the information booth located at 51st Avenue and 95th Street. Deanne can be reached at (708) 899-4400.

Important Information

1. **Due to street closures and set up**, if you have a vehicle in the parade and your space number is **between 1-45** you should enter at 94th and 51st Avenue. If your space number is **between 46-91** you should enter at Southwest Highway and 51st Avenue. If your vehicle is **not** in the parade, you may drop off marchers at the 51st Avenue checkpoint and then take 94th Street to Sproat Avenue and proceed south to the Metra lot **OR** park in the Metra lot and walk one half block (west) to 51st Avenue with your group.
2. Groups should familiarize themselves with the groups before and after in the lineup to help parade officials step the groups off in order.
3. The majority of entries received asked to be placed at the front of the Parade. While we consider all requests and attempt to accommodate each group accordingly, we must also focus on organizing a well varied and entertaining event. Therefore, Parade order and lineup is final. Please **DO NOT** step-off from your assigned location until the groups staged before you have moved.
4. Please have one person from your group check in at the information booth to receive your assigned space.
5. Please follow the instructions given by the parade coordinator and volunteers. **Remember to bring water and wear sunscreen**. There will be a port-a-john on site.
6. Please be considerate of other parade participants and to the residents and businesses along the parade route.
7. The village is **NOT** responsible for articles/items left unattended.
8. A shuttle bus will be available at the end of the parade route at St. Gerald's Parking Lot to take marchers back to the Village Hall and 51st Street. When the parade ends at 55th Ct. and after you make a **right turn** on 55th Ct. – **PLEASE – PLEASE** keep walking to the end of the block and either go right **or** straight to St. Gerald's Parking lot. **Suggestion: St. Gerald's Church Parking Lot** is a great place to park your car and then walk over to the Parade Line-Up site on 51st St. therefore, when the parade ends at 55th Ct. – you can then walk to the end of the block where your car is parked. Also, behind **The Village Hall** there is extra parking.

PARADE KICK OFF IS AT 10:00 A.M. ON Wednesday, JULY 4, 2012

Thank you for your interest in participating in

The Village of Oak Lawn's Annual Fourth of July Parade