

St. Patrick's Day Parade Entry Application 2012

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE ENTRY RULES

Entry applications must be turned in no later than Friday, March 9, 2012. They will not be accepted after that date. All applications are subject to review and approval by the Parade Committee.

The Parade will start promptly at **2:00 PM on Sunday, March 18, 2012.**

It is therefore requested that each parade entry arrive at the parade line up area at 12:30 PM the day of the parade. Unit numbers 1-30 will line up along the North side of Center Avenue from Park going back to Livingston. Unit numbers 31-60 will line up along the South side of Center Avenue from Park going back to Livingston. Unit numbers 61-90 will line up along the West side of Livingston from Center Avenue back. Unit numbers 90 to the end will line up from Center Avenue back towards Scheurmann on the North side of Center. **THE CENTER LANE ON CENTER AVENUE IS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THE REARRANGING OF PARADE ENTRIES.**

1. To qualify as a float, an entry must be skirted, and all objects on it must be completely decorated in good taste. Please, **No** signs stating prices of goods or services offered by business entry on float.
2. Floats must not exceed 20 feet in length and 12.5 feet in height. Exception to the rule must be approved by the Parade Committee.
3. Lettering must be at least 6 inches in height, unless a company logo is incorporated in the design of the float.
4. If **music or sound** is to be used on a float, this **must be stated on the application**.
5. **No political advertisement of any type** will be permitted to be displayed by anyone taking part in the parade.
6. Horse units and antique cars will be permitted. Only cars 30 years or older will be considered antique. Horse units must provide "pooper scooper."
7. **NO INTOXICATING BEVERAGES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE OR LINE UP AREA.**
8. The Bay City Policy Department will have the authority to act as they see fit.
9. **POLICE ORDER – NO OBJECTS TO BE THROWN OR HANDED FROM ANY FLOAT OR VEHICLE (i.e., candy, bubble gum, etc.) This includes political Ads and promotions.**
10. All material must be flame retardant.

All floats are encouraged to decorate in with an Irish theme. Deviation from the above rules will be made at the sole discretion of the Parade Committee. Entries that do not follow the rules may NOT be invited to return for the next parade year.

TROPHIES will be awarded for: Most Beautiful in Town, Most Beautiful out of Town, Mayor's Trophy (best float overall), most unique, President's Trophy (best Irish theme), and best Youth Oriented Float.

A postcard stating your position number in the parade will be mailed to you a few days before the parade.