

TOWN OF CHATHAM
PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

APPLICATION FORM
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - JULY 4TH, 2007
PARADE THEME: HISTORIC POSTCARDS OF CHATHAM

Name of Organization or Individual: _____

Name of Person in Charge: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Type of Group (Individual, Business, Civic): _____

Parade Classification (choose only one):

BEST YOUTH _____ FUNNIEST _____ LARGE FLOAT _____
SMALL FLOAT _____ WALKING GROUP _____ CIVIC GROUP _____

*(You must select a Classification to be eligible for a prize, If you have questions, contact
PCC Chairman Tom Hatch at (508) 237-7900)*

Type of Entry (*essential for committee to plan parade order*):

Float on Car _____ Truck _____ Tractor _____

Float on Large Vehicle (over 4 wheels) _____ or Trailer _____

Float Powered by People (*please describe*) _____

No Float (*please describe*) _____

Music? _____ Type _____ # of Pieces _____ Electronic? _____

of People in Event _____ (*Groups larger than 50 require committee approval*)

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I, _____, have read, understand, and will strictly adhere to the requirements for entry, enumerated herein, in the 2007 Town of Chatham Independence Day Parade. I will also review these requirements with all participants in this entry, sponsored by _____. In making this application, I hold the Town of Chatham harmless and indemnified from any accident, mishap, or other action that may occur. I also understand that I am fully liable for any and all damage done to Veteran's Field that may be caused by driving ***my float*** onto the field at the end of the parade.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or guardian must sign for a minor)

**Return this page (only) to the Town Hall, Chatham Chamber Of Commerce Information Booth or
Bassett House Visitor Information Center**

Please check box if you would like to be allowed onto Veteran's Field for the end of parade awards ceremonies – By checking the box, your entry also understands this is subject to final committee approval.

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ENTRY APPLICATION

Requirements for Entry:

1. Completed application form must be submitted by June 30th to: Chatham Chamber of Commerce Information Booth, Bassett House Information Center or to Town Hall.
2. Float height must not exceed 15 feet from street level; width must not exceed 8 feet.
3. All floats and displays must be free from images reflecting cruelty or abuse to persons, groups, or animals and from denigrating references to same.
4. All floats and displays must be free from images that disparage persons or groups because of race, creed, gender, or economic status.
5. Groups larger than 50 require special approval from the Public Ceremonies Committee.
6. Entries will be reviewed by the Chairman of the Public Ceremonies Committee and the Chief of Police or their designated representative. If an entry does not meet all the listed requirements, participation in the parade may be denied.
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8. For the benefit of spectators, we recommend that entries be identified by appropriate signs.

Rules for Participation:

1. Entrants must be at staging area on Shore Road by 8:30am. Late arrivals may be denied participation in the parade.
2. Emergency vehicles must be given right of way at all times.
3. Entrants must abide by the laws of the land.
4. Unauthorized stops along the parade route are not permitted.
5. Participants must remain grouped within parade boundaries or as directed by Police or parade marshals. If the parade stops, participant groups must remain together.
6. Throwing anything to the crowd is prohibited.
7. Drinking alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Logistics of Parade:

1. Entrants will proceed south on Route 28 (Old Harbor Road) from the Chatham rotary to the traffic light; turn right onto Shore Road there. Traffic will be one-way on Shore Road.
2. Receive your position number from a parade marshal just before the Fish Pier. Go directly to your numbered stake. The marshal will give parking instructions for buses and vehicles.
3. Position numbers must be displayed on the left side of the entry.
4. The parade steps off at 9:30am at the intersection of Shore Road and Main Street and proceeds up Main Street to Veterans Field.
5. Large Floats will bypass the entrance to Veterans Field and continue to Depot Road where they will turn right and park as directed by Police.

Judging:

1. Entries are reviewed by the judges at the parade staging area starting at 8:30am
2. The reviewing stand is on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church at Cross & Main Streets. (To avoid gaps in the parade, please do not stop at this location)

Each entry is eligible for a prize in only ONE of the following classification:

- BEST YOUTH: Involves youth and/or local youth activities
- FUNNIEST: Shows humor, satire, pathos or cornball
- LARGE FLOAT: A truck or flatbed with more than four wheels
- SMALL FLOAT: A car or truck with only four wheels
- WALKING GROUP: One to 50 people on foot
- CIVIC GROUP: Representatives of civic or volunteer community group

Prizes:

1. The parade theme this year is “Historic Postcards of Chatham”. The more a float or display reflects this theme, the better its chance of being a winner.
2. The most outstanding will receive 1st place and \$500. The second most outstanding will receive 2nd place and \$350. The third most outstanding will receive 3rd place and \$200.
3. Each classification will also receive 1 ribbon as best in their category.
4. An overall winner will receive the Chatham Jewelers Judges’ Trophy – an engraved silver bowl donated by and displayed at Chatham Jewelers on Main Street.
5. All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judges.