

56th ANNUAL AUTUMN GLORY FESTIVAL GRAND FEATURE PARADE

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

PARADE RULES:

Any group or individual may have an entry in the parade for free provided the following regulations and requirements are met:

1. Floats which are strictly commercial or advertising a product for sale, will not be accepted. An example would be only a commercial truck advertising a business. **However, a business will be permitted if they are promoting or associated with a community or civic organization, local celebrity, youth organization, etc OR/AND as long as they have a themed float.** (Judges will award bonus points for fall-themed floats.) Advertising on the pulling vehicles shall be limited to company names, names of sponsoring groups, names and titles of float riders and/ or sponsoring group officials. Please call Nicole McCullough 301-334-2691 for further details. The parade committee also has the right to reject any unit with a theme or description deemed to be offensive.
2. **Any applications received after September 15, 2023, will be placed at the end of the parade.**
3. A float must consist of an open, decorated flatbed or farm wagon type vehicle, no coal trucks, heavy equipment or tractor-trailers. Floats may not exceed 15 feet in height.
4. All units must maintain 60-foot intervals and avoid gaps in parade. **Please DO NOT slow down the flow of the parade.** If you have costumed characters, please ensure they keep up with the parade to **avoid gaps** and do not have costumed characters stop to take photos during the parade.
5. **For safety reasons, NO THROWING of items from parade units will be permitted, and parade participants may not distribute ANYTHING (including, but not limited to, giveaway items, printed material, promotional material, candy, etc.) along the parade route in any manner between 11 am – 3 pm. Anyone who is caught throwing items, distributing anything along the parade route or violating any of these parade rules will not be allowed to participate in the 2024 Autumn Glory Grand Feature Parade.**
6. Any unit with mechanical problems must move to the side of the route as quickly as possible.
7. **For liability and safety reasons, spectators from the crowd cannot join the parade as it is in progress. This could cause a disruption to the parade flow and chaos. All those participating in the parade must be lined up prior to the start of the parade at 1:00 p.m.**
8. **Each float with all participants must be in its designated lineup position by 11:00 am** for judging prior to parade time. Please have all participants stay with your float until the judging of your float is over. **THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. SHARP.**
9. **Political participants in the parade are limited to currently seated elected officials and those on the General Election ballot for the current election year.** Political organizations may not have election signs, t-shirts or anything promoting specific candidates if they are not currently seated in office or on the General Election ballot for the current election year.
10. Judging will be based on originality, artistic appeal, and overall appearance. Up to 5 bonus points will be awarded by float judges to entries that utilize the autumn theme.
11. **Please note when dropping off passengers after you go through the parade, to avoid any accidents, you must drop off your passengers in a parking lot past Lake Street. You cannot stop on the north-bound side of Rt. 219 to drop off passengers. This policy will be strictly enforced.**

Grand Marshal Award (Overall best of show)

1st Place - Plaque

Amateur

1st Place - \$100.00

2nd Place - \$75.00

3rd Place - \$50.00

Commercial

1st Place - Plaque

2nd Place - Plaque

3rd Place - Plaque

Professional

1st Place - Plaque

2nd Place - Plaque

3rd Place - Plaque