



## Libertyville Civic Center Foundation – Libertyville Days Festival

### LIBERTYVILLE DAYS PARADE 2026 INFORMATION



February 2026

Dear Libertyville Business Owners/Organizations:

It is time to start thinking about summer and Libertyville Days 2026! I would like to invite you to participate in the 2026 Libertyville Days Parade with a float, decorated vehicle, walking group or all three. This year's parade theme is "Stars, Stripes, & Libertyville Nights", celebration the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America. The parade will take place on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This is a great way to promote your business and/or organization. Fees for this year's parade are:

- For Businesses: \$175 per decorated vehicle (maximum of 2), float with towing vehicle, or marching unit.
- For Non-profit (501 c-3), civic, or charitable groups: \$100 per decorated vehicle (maximum of 1), float with towing vehicle, or marching unit.
- Groups with a float or decorated vehicle may include marchers at no extra fee.

The application fee applies to each decorated vehicle, float, or marching unit. Vehicles must be decorated to participate in the parade and following the parade theme is encouraged. Businesses wishing to enter multiple decorated vehicles must register and pay the application fee **in advance**. **Entries not registered and paid for in advance will not be allowed in the staging area.** **Application fees will be waived for businesses or organizations that sponsor the Festival at the Platinum, Gold, or Titanium levels.**

If you do not want to place an entry in the parade, please consider sponsoring a parade entertainment unit or marching band. Please refer to the sponsorship information included in this mailing and/or contact the Civic Center for additional information.

If you would like to participate in this year's parade, please complete and sign the enclosed application and return it to the address below with your check made payable to the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation. All entries should be sent "Attention Parade". Registration will close on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> or once 70 entries have been accepted with payment.

A document outlining the parade rules is enclosed. Should you have any questions concerning the parade please email me at [wmschilling@outlook.com](mailto:wmschilling@outlook.com) You may also call or email the Civic Center for more information. We look forward to seeing you at the parade.

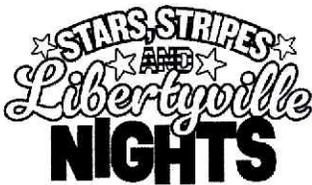
Sincerely,

*Wendy*

Wendy Schilling, 2026 Parade Chair

135 W. Church St. Libertyville, IL 60048 Phone: 847.918.8880 · [events@libciviccenter.org](mailto:events@libciviccenter.org)

**LIBERTYVILLE DAYS PARADE 2026 APPLICATION**



**Return completed application with  
payment to  
Libertyville Civic Center  
135 W. Church St. Libertyville, IL  
60048 events@libciviccenter.org  
847.918.8880**

If sponsor, please indicate which level.

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| <b>Platinum</b> |  |
| <b>Gold</b>     |  |
| <b>Titanium</b> |  |



ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Political entries will be grouped by party. Please designate your party.*

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY IS: (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ FLOAT \_\_\_\_\_ DECORATED VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_ MARCHING UNIT

APPROX. LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ FEET \_\_\_\_\_ # OF MARCHERS WITH UNIT.

- The business fee is \$175 per decorated vehicle, float with towing vehicle, or marching unit.
- The non-profit fee is \$100 per decorated vehicle, float with towing vehicle, or marching unit.
- Groups with a float or decorated vehicle may include marchers at no extra fee.
- Payment must accompany this application.
- Decorated vehicles are limited to two for a business and one for a non-profit group.
- Payment and registration of additional vehicles must be made in advance. Additional vehicles not registered and paid for in advance will not be allowed to enter the staging area.
- **All vehicles must be decorated, and we encourage decorations to be in support of the parade theme.**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS OR CANDY MAY BE THROWN FROM THE UNITS.**
- **Violators may be removed from the parade.**

DESCRIBE ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you have music: \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO  
Do you intend to distribute candy/items from your unit? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ No

Please provide any special needs or additional information you would like to share in the space below.  
Please Indicate if you have a request to march with or next to another group.

For Questions, contact [wmschilling@outlook.com](mailto:wmschilling@outlook.com) or the Civic Center at 847-918-8880  
[events@libciviccenter.org](mailto:events@libciviccenter.org)

## Libertyville Days Parade – Parade Rules and Regulations

Thank you for participating in the Libertyville Days Parade. The following rules apply to all parade participants; it is very important that we make the parade route safe for all our participants and the thousands of spectators who line the parade route. That said, please have a safe and enjoyable parade! Please note that violations of the rules can result in the removal of your group from the parade with no refund. **The parade will start at 10:00am from the Train Station at Lake St. and Brainerd. The parade ends at Highland Middle School on Rockland Road.**

**1. Absolutely NO items may be thrown from the parade units, including but not limited to candy, toys, or promotional items. Entrants are permitted to hand out these items by using walkers who follow alongside the parade unit throughout the parade route. Walkers should go to the recipients and not encourage children or others to enter the street to catch or collect candy, toys, or other items. Violation may result in removal from parade.**

2. No brochures, coupons, or campaign materials may be handed out along the parade route. Promotional items may be passed out. We are responsible for keeping the parade route clean and unfortunately many handouts are discarded along the parade route following the parade.

3. Participants on your parade unit should plan to either walk alongside your unit or ride on the unit the entire length of the parade. Climbing on and off moving parade units is not allowed during the parade for safety reasons.

4. All parade units must be in the staging area by **9:15 a.m.** and in position to start the parade at **9:45 a.m.**

5. **Floats will be judged prior to the start of the parade (9am-9:30am). All entries must be in the staging area and completed by 9:00 a.m. to be judged.**

6. All entries must **keep moving during the parade while maintaining a safe stopping distance from the unit in front of you.**

7. **ALL VEHICLES/ TRAILERS IN THE PARADE MUST BE DECORATED.** The parade is for the community's enjoyment, and each entry should be of interest to the spectators to maintain the large turnout we receive each year for the parade.

8. **Vehicles not participating in the parade will have NO ACCESS to the staging area.** Please plan on carrying what you need into the staging area or place it on your parade unit prior to entering the staging area.

9. Large Marching units should be dropped off at Brainerd and Lake Street. Buses should then drive south to Highland Middle School, which is the end of the parade route, using Brainerd Avenue then turning left on Rockland Rd. Smaller vehicles are encouraged to use the public parking garage on Lake Street and walk to their group. If you are dropping off, do so at the parking garage, then walk to the staging area. **There is no room for vehicles to drop off and turn around in the staging area.**

10. Your location in the parade will be predetermined, like entries will be separated to provide a staggered viewing. The parade committee cannot accommodate requests for specific locations in the parade; we will try to honor groups wishing to be with other entries. We want to ensure everyone is seen and heard. The parade committee reserves the right to modify the parade line-up at any time. The lineup will be available approximately 48 hours prior to the parade by calling the Civic Center 847-918-8880 or logging on to [libertyvilledays.org](http://libertyvilledays.org) to see the lineup.

11. Entries not in the staging area at the designated time will be moved to the rear of the parade. We have limited space to move entries once staged. When you register the morning of the parade you will receive a parade route number to display on your unit. You will then be directed or guided to your staging area. Changing the order is strictly prohibited, your cooperation and compliance is appreciated. **Registration opens at 7:30 am at the train station entrance (Lake and Brainerd).**

Thank you for participating in the Libertyville Days Parade. We appreciate your attendance and thank you for entertaining our community.

**REMEMBER, THESE RULES ARE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OUR AUDIENCE.**

**AGAIN, ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN FROM THE PARADE UNITS AND MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE. Items may be handed to those along the parade route.**