



December 23, 2014

Dear Parade Enthusiasts:

On Sunday, March 15, 2015 downtown Hollywood will once again transform into a sea of green in celebration of the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade & Festival in partnership with the Hibernians of Hollywood, the Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency and downtown businesses.

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts is currently accepting applications to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade will commence through the streets of downtown Hollywood followed by a stage full of music on 19th Avenue at Hollywood Boulevard featuring Blackthorn and UV – The U2 Tribute Band. Anniversary Park will be transformed into the Magic of the Emerald Isle with fun for children of all ages. Last year an estimated 10,000 spectators came out for the "wearing' of the Green" and we anticipate many more this year as we celebrate the land of Ireland with our exciting parade. Now is the time to gather your company, community group or fellow Irish lads and lasses to build a float, participate and celebrate!

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy the music, song and dance of Ireland. We are currently recruiting bands, marching groups, clowns, stilt walkers and unique entries that will enhance this great event. Enclosed please find our Parade Application and Float Safety information. Please complete and return your application no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2015 to the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts by mail or e-mail, please see application for details. Pertinent parade information will be sent via email prior to the parade date. If you have any questions please call me at 954.921.3404.



Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Join the fun.

Regards,

*Toni Bridges*

Program and Events Manager

C: Chuck Ellis, Director  
Special Events



# Parade Application

Sunday, March 15, 2015 1:00 PM



Official Group / Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

Representing \_\_\_\_\_

*School, Community Group, Organization or Business (if applicable)*

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

*Email Address*

*Phone (specify Business, Cell or Home)*

Number of Members (*total*): \_\_\_\_\_ Age Range of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe FLOAT Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Make / Model \_\_\_\_\_ Plate / Tag State & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Complete description of costuming, style, presentation, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Description for Parade Announcement (2 sentences, please) \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL Participants MUST wear *THEMED* costumes. ALL Chaperones MUST wear *MATCHING, IDENTIFIABLE* attire.**

*Alternative Contact Information, if other than indicated above:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Email Address*

*Phone (specify Business, Cell or Home)*

**\*ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED**

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

**ATTENTION ALL ENTRANTS:**

**PLEASE REVIEW & FOLLOW PARADE STANDARDS & FLOAT SAFETY INSPECTION CHECK LIST  
FOR SUBMISSION INFORMATION.**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**PARADE STANDARDS**

NOW'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY TO YOUR BUSINESS OR GROUP WITH THE PLANNING AND BUILDING OF YOUR THEMED PARADE ENTRY FLOAT!

***WHY BUILD A FLOAT?***

- OUR LENGTH OF THE PARADE ROUTE IS DIFFICULT FOR CHILDREN TO WALK OR MARCH THE ENTIRE ROUTE.
  - PATRON EXCITEMENT IS HEIGHTENED VIEWING FLOATS
  - ENHANCED VISIBILITY OF YOUR GROUP, ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS
- \*\* WE WELCOME MARCHING UNITS FROM *HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BANDS, JROTC UNITS, MILITARY GROUPS OR PERFORMING GROUPS.*

1. ALL TOW VEHICLES MUST BE DECORATED TO ADHERE TO THE CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS IRISH
2. ONLY IRISH MUSIC MAY BE PLAYED

**3. RULES FOR CHAPERONES:**

\*CHAPERONES FOR CHILDREN'S ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO *4 ADULTS*

\*CHAPERONES WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS MUST BE *AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE*

***PLEASE, DO NOT INCLUDE:  
CHILDREN AND STROLLERS  
WITH CHAPERONES ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE***

\* ADDITIONAL CHAPERONES WITH CHILDREN'S ENTRIES MAY BE UTILIZED ON-BOARD FLOATS, AT THE DISCRETION OF PARTICIPANT GROUP

**4. RULES FOR FLOAT SPOTTERS:**

\* QUALIFIED FLOAT SPOTTERS MUST BE *AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE* .

**SUBMIT APPLICATION AND INITIALED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR PARTICIPATION TO:**

**By MAIL:** DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL ARTS,  
ATTN: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ENTRY  
1405 S. 28<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020

**E-MAIL:** [EVENTS@HOLLYWOODFL.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@HOLLYWOODFL.ORG)

**QUESTIONS?** 954.921.3404, SPECIAL EVENTS

**ORGANIZATION LEADER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARADE STANDARDS:  
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## **PARADE SAFETY FLOAT INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

This checklist was developed to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators of parades in the City of Hollywood. The following items will be implemented and adhered to during the design and building of every float. All floats may be inspected by a designated City Parade Official and a Parade Committee Designee. Any float, vehicle, or person not in compliance with this checklist may forfeit the right to participate in the parade.

1. Driver is required to have a valid driver's license and insurance.
2. All vehicles must have a valid license plate as required by law and functioning horn, headlights, brake lights and parking lights.
3. Tow vehicles and trailers shall be properly serviced for gas, oil, coolant, tires, and battery prior to reporting to the staging area. There shall be **NO OIL / LIQUID LEAKS**. The City Parade Official retains the right to prohibit any unsafe vehicle or trailer from participating in the parade.
4. Towed trailers or towed floats must have safety cables or chains in place and attached to the tow vehicle. Front and rear towing hooks **MUST** be accessible and of sufficient strength for towing.
5. Driver must have proper 180-degree vision (or communications) and proper ventilation.
6. All flatbed trucks or trailers with riders must have a railing at least 30" above the float platform using wood, metal or a substantial substitute. Consultation with professionals experienced in construction techniques must be done to ensure the railing will withstand the force imposed upon it by the persons on board.
7. Generators must be securely mounted and installed away from decorations and riders. Generators must be equipped with a metal exhaust, which could terminate either in a common exhaust (vehicle and generator) or extend to the exterior of the float (same as the vehicle exhaust).
8. All decorative materials used must be flame retardant. No smoking, open flames, or cooking is allowed on floats. No sharp or unfinished edges should be exposed.
9. All motorized apparatus shall be provided with an approved 2A-10BC rating fire extinguisher accessible to the operator.
10. All floats shall have at least one accessible 2A-10BC extinguisher on the float. Each standing float rider must have an approved body support. All seating on towed vehicles or floats must be properly secured. Seated riders' safety will be assessed by the City Parade Official and a Parade Committee Designee.
11. All floats must have a minimum of four wheel walkers (adults) stationed on the four "corners" of the float, including the tow vehicle. Each vehicle must incorporate wheel walkers at each axle.
12. No person shall be allowed to get on and off a float after the parade begins, except for emergency reasons. In the case of emergency, the float should pull to the side and stop. The person involved in the emergency will be removed and the float may re-enter the parade procession.
13. This is the **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** – please hand out ONLY **IRISH THEMED ITEMS** on the parade route. They must be tossed **GENTLY UNDERHANDED** out and away from the float by walkers and/or float spotters. ***Drivers shall not toss items.***

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