



33rd Annual 2017 St. Johns Mint Festival Parade

Theme: "Western Stampede"

Rules and Regulations



Please read the following. Your signature on the application is acceptance of the rules and regulations.

1. The St. Johns Mint Festival Parade Committee must approve the use of live animals or amplified sound in the Parade. All animal entries must provide an individual(s) to follow their unit with a shovel and bucket for clean up. You must provide the manpower.
2. Entries advocating, opposing or depicting any political or social issues in their parade entry will not be allowed, although individual political candidates may participate (\$60 fee required - \$70 if registered after July 1, 2017).
3. The Parade travels at approximately three to five miles per hour. Vehicle cooling systems should be properly equipped to travel at this speed. Entries that alter the normal parade speed (bands or marching units doing drill routines) must indicate so on the parade application and have approval of the parade committee. The parade route is approximately two and one half miles long and all parade entries must follow the prescribed route to its completion.
4. Judging will take place within the last ½ hour of parade line up – late entries will not be included. A winner will be selected in the business & non-profit divisions. Winners will receive a small trophy.
5. All parade applications are considered and may be approved by the Parade Committee as received until the **maximum of 140 units/entries** is reached. Entries that are determined unacceptable by the committee will be notified. **The deadline for parade entries is JULY 1, 2017.** Entries will be notified of parade line-up positions and other related information approximately 10 days before the parade. Your contact name, address and phone number must be current to receive this confirmation.
6. All commercial businesses that wish to participate in the parade will be charged \$60 (\$70 after July 1), unless other arrangements have been made in recognition of a Mint Festival Sponsorship. This fee is to be sent with your parade application.
7. **NO CANDY OR ANY OTHER ITEMS CAN BE THROWN OR SHOT FROM YOUR PARADE ENTRY. SLING SHOTS, SUPER SOAKERS, SQUIRT GUNS OR OTHER SPRAYING DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** The Chamber of Commerce will allow walkers to hand items to the individual parade viewers. If you violate this rule and it is brought to the attention of the committee, you will not be permitted to participate in future parades. Please help remind your neighbors of this rule in the parade. If entries continue to break this rule we may not be able to allow any entries to hand out candy in the future.
8. For all entries, the height limit is 15 feet, the width limit is 12 feet and the length limit is 55 feet. **NO SEMI TRUCKS ARE ALLOWED.**
9. The information on your application will be the script read by the Parade MC. Make sure you include all pertinent information to describe your unit, business or organization.

NOTICE TO ALL ENTRIES: ALL PARADE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2017 FOR CONSIDERATION. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 1 AND THERE IS STILL SPACE AVAILABLE, YOUR ENTRY, WITH NO EXCEPTION, WILL BE PLACED AT THE END OF THE PARADE, AND WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 LATE FEE.

For more information regarding the Mint Festival and activities, please call the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce at 989-224-7248 or email us at ccchamber@4wbi.net. Thank You!

33rd Annual St. Johns Mint Festival Parade Application

August 12, 2017 / Step-Off at 10:00 am

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(If you are a commercial business, please enclose \$60 with your application. Some commercial businesses will receive a complimentary entry, based on sponsorship to the festival. Because we have entry and length limitations that require state permits, you must meet the deadline of July 1, 2017 to be considered for the parade).

ALL ENTRIES: If we receive your application after the deadline and there is still space available, please note, with no exception, your entry will be at the back of the parade and there will be a \$10 late fee assessed.

Entry Name _____ Contact: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Entry Fee Enclosed (if a commercial business)
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize you to charge \$_____ to my <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Card # _____ Exp Date _____ 3 Digit SIC # _____
Name as it appears on the card _____
Billing Address _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Type of entry (check all that apply)

Marching Unit Police Unit Fire Unit Walking Unit, # of walkers _____ Float Queen/Royalty
 Antique Vehicle Veterans/Military Unit Horse/Animals* Historical Entry Mobile, vehicle _____

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Check here if you will have music playing in your entry **Check here if you will have animals**

*Note clean up clause: All animal entries must provide an individual to follow their unit with a shovel and bucket for clean up.

To assist the Parade Officials in assigning your parade position, please give a detailed description of your entry, including the length of your entry. (example: full-size pickup pulling a 30 ft. trailer).

Are you going to distribute candy/items Yes No **(Candy/items must be handed out by walkers-no throwing allowed)**

To assist the Parade Announcer, please give a brief description of your business or organization. Please note any awards, history, etc. If you do not fill out this information only your parade entry name will be announced.

It is hereby understood and agreed that this entry and our participation is at our own risk and we will not hold the St. Johns Mint Festival, the Parade Committee, the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, the City of St. Johns, Clinton County, St. Johns Public School or any volunteer or staff liable for any accident injury, loss or damage resulting from our entry or participation in any Mint Festival activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return the application and fee (\$60 for commercial businesses) to: The St. Johns Mint Festival Parade Committee, PO Box 61, St Johns MI 48879 / Fax: 989-224-7667

Please contact the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce at 989-224-7248 with any questions or concerns regarding your parade entry. **ALL PARADE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2017 FOR CONSIDERATION. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 1 AND THERE IS STILL SPACE AVAILABLE, YOUR ENTRY, WITH NO EXCEPTION, YOU WILL BE PLACED AT THE END OF THE PARADE, AND YOU WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 LATE FEE.**

On occasion we are contacted by other cities for contact information on entries in our parade. Can we share your address and telephone number with other parade organizers? Yes No