



St. Patrick Society of Peoria
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Rules & Regulations for the 39th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Parade is March 17, 2019 and steps off at **2:00 PM** from the corner of Monroe Street & Hancock Street. This family friendly parade celebrates and honors our Irish history, culture and traditions.

Deadline for Parade Entries is March 7, 2019. Date of entry will be taken into consideration when assigning line-up positions.

All Parade Entries must be pre-registered with the Parade Chair. Parade officials or police officials may remove a unit from the parade during the assembly or any time during the parade if the entry is not adhering to the rules and regulations of the parade.

Entries must be decorated to support the celebrating of St. Patrick's Day. A brief description of the parade entry is required on the application. The Parade Announcer will use the description as the entry passes the Review Stand.

Candy may be distributed from the parade units:

- Candy is not to be thrown from the moving units
- Candy may be thrown into the crowd by people walking along side of the moving units.
- Walkers are to be a minimum of 5 feet away from the moving unit when throwing candy.
- Entries should not stop along the parade route to refill candy containers.

Shredded Paper (confetti) or Toilet Paper Rolls are not to be projected from any of the walkers, floats, or vehicles.

Entries must keep their unit moving along the parade route with no more than 15 feet between their unit and the unit in front of them.

Float entries must be on hayrack or flatbed trailer and must be decorated to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

No participants are to board or exit the float once the parade begins its forward motion.

Block Captains will be stationed on each block in the staging area to provide assistance and will escort the parade through the streets.

Antique Cars, Custom Vehicles, or Motor Cycles may enter individually or as part of a group. Each Antique Car, Custom Vehicle or Motor Cycle must pay the \$30 Entry Fee. There are no group rates.

Walking units are limited to **School Children** bearing an identifying school banner, **Boy Scouts** or **Girl Scouts** in uniform with identifying banner, **Marching Band** or **Flag Corp** with identifying banner, or **United States Military or Veterans Organization** with identifying banner, **Families** with an identifying banner, or **Politicians** with identifying banner.

All banners must be neatly lettered and legible.

Business units may enter the parade if they are decorated in a way that promotes the business and honors our Irish History, Irish Culture, or Irish Traditions which we celebrate on St. Patrick's Day.

Upon arrival at the staging area, please check the map ahead of time and enter your block directly from outside the staging area. With safety and limited space in mind, doing so will reduce travel through the staging blocks and eliminate the need to turn vehicles around.

Drivers of all vehicles in the parade must possess a valid driver's license, be at least 18 years old, and possess all liability vehicle insurance.

Area Politicians may enter the parade as a separate unit or may ride on a float designated for their party. Area politicians include State Senators, State Representatives, Judges, Regional or County Officers, and Local Officers or candidates for any of the aforementioned.

Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any entry, in any vehicle, or on any person in the parade assembly area or during the parade route. Participants consuming alcohol in the assembly area will be removed from the parade. All city, county, and state statutes concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced by the police prior to the start of the parade, during the parade, and after the parade.

2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Entry Fees are non-refundable for accepted entries:

<u>FEE</u>	<u>ENTRY TYPE</u>
No Fee	Bands, United States Military or Veterans Groups, Schools, or Scout Entry
\$30	Per Unit for Antique Cars, Custom Vehicles, or Motor Cycle Entry – no group rate
\$30	Individual Entry
\$50	Family Entry (\$40 if Applicant has paid 2019 St. Patrick Society Membership Card)
\$50	Organization Entry
\$150	Business Entry (\$125 if Applicant has paid 2019 St. Patrick Society Membership Card)
\$150	Political Entry (\$125 if Applicant has paid 2019 St. Patrick Society Membership Card)

The Parade Chair reserves the right to accept or decline any parade entry application. The Parade Chair's decision regarding all entries is final.

Parade Officials reserve the right to restrict, limit, or reject any entry that does not abide by the stated parade rules and regulations.

The St. Patrick Society of Peoria welcomes your entry to participate in the 39th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade being held on March 17, 2019. First, Second, and Third Place Awards will be given in the following categories: Business Entries, Family Entries, and Organization Entries.