



St. Patrick Society of Peoria
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Dear Participant

As you may already be aware, the 2021 St Patrick's Day parade is going to be a little different than years past. Instead of a traditional procession through the streets of Downtown Peoria, we will be hosting a "Drive-Through" parade. Participants will have assigned spots lining the parade route. Those wishing to view the parade will drive along the route, enjoying the decorated vehicles and floats from the safety and comfort of their vehicles.

Whether you choose electronic or traditional registration, all entries are to be postmarked or submitted to the St. Patrick Society by March 7, 2021. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the parade committee and will be assessed a \$50 late registration fee.

Once your application has been processed, you will receive an email which both confirms your application and provides further instructions.

Please make the information packet and all related information available to all members of your group.

Parade procedure: The Parade will open for viewing at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, with entries parked in assigned locations along the parade route.
Parade units should report directly to their assigned location between 10:00 and 10:30 AM.
The street will be opened for spectators to drive the route starting at 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM.
Parade staff will provide instructions for dismissal.

Assembly Area: You will receive your block assignment and map via email roughly 7-10 days before the event.

Block 1: 400 Block of Main Street	Block 5: 300 Block of NE Monroe
Block 2: 500 Block of Main Street	Block 6: 400 Block of NE Monroe
Block 3: 100 Block of NE Monroe	Block 7: 500 Block of NE Monroe
Block 4: 200 Block of NE Monroe	Block 8: 600 Block of NE Monroe

Any special requests must be submitted on the application for consideration. Staging locations may change at any time for logistical or safety reasons.

Parade Theme: This year marks our 40th Parade since our first in 1980. We encourage all participants to incorporate happiness, fun, positivity, and joy into their entry. Have fun and be creative!

Our primary objective in hosting the Parade is to celebrate our Irish heritage and to promote a safe, family-oriented, fun event. On behalf of The Parade Committee, we look forward to working with you as we prepare for Peoria's 40th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions regarding your participation in the event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KC Murphy".

KC Murphy, St. Patrick's Day Parade Chair
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Rules & Regulations for the 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Parade is March 17, 2021, Rain or Shine. The street will be open to spectators at 11:00AM, entering Northbound at the corner of Main and Jefferson, exiting after the 400 Block of NE Monroe Street.

Deadline for Parade Entries is March 7, 2021. Date of entry will be taken into consideration when assigning line-up positions. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the parade committee and will be assessed a \$50 late registration fee.

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

All participants must have an identifying banner which is neatly lettered and legible.

Entries must be decorated to support the celebrating of St. Patrick's Day. The 2021 parade marks our 40th parade on the streets of Peoria. Participants are encouraged to incorporate elements of the holiday, Irish history, culture, or traditions in their decoration.

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.

All entries having **music or sound amplifying systems** shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals. If a unit is informed by a Parade official that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down.

No beads, candy, or other items may be distributed to the spectators. Due to the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the 2021 parade must be a contact-free event.

Shredded Paper (confetti) or Toilet Paper Rolls are not to be projected from any of the entries.

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. Vehicles must be operated in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with the Illinois Rules of the Road. A qualified driver of each vehicle must remain with the vehicle at all times.

Vehicles and participants must stay in their assigned area until dismissed. Block captains will be present to assist with block assignments and traffic flow.

Block Captains will be stationed on each block along the route to assist participants and escort the spectators through the streets. They are authorized to make decisions on behalf of the parade committee and can answer any questions you may have on parade day.

No participants are to board or exit parade vehicles once the group is dismissed and begins their departure.

Business units may enter the parade if vehicles 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.

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.

Entries displaying or communicating **divisive messages, language, or agendas** (examples: racist, sexist, obscene, or otherwise biased or politically charged) will not be tolerated.

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.

Entry fees for the parade are **non-refundable**, unless the event is cancelled in the interest of public health and safety.