



## St. Patrick Society of Peoria

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Feb 1, 2026

Greetings!

You are receiving this letter as a past participant of the Peoria St. Patrick's Day parade. Thank you for your continued interest in our event. Enclosed with this letter are documents for you to review and to complete if you wish to participate in this year's Parade.

**If you would prefer to complete your registration online, you may do so at [www.stpatpeoria.com](http://www.stpatpeoria.com).**

Whether you choose electronic or traditional registration, all entries are to be postmarked or submitted to the St. Patrick Society no later than March 7, 2026. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the parade committee and may be assessed a late registration fee.

Once your application has been processed, (usually within 48 hours) you will receive an email which confirms your application and provides further instructions. You are responsible for sharing rules and other information to all persons involved with your group.

**Parade Information:** The Parade will start at **11:00 AM** on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at the Corner of Hancock and Monroe Streets.

**Theme:** A celebration of Irish culture: dance, music, family, and friends coming together to share stories and make memories.

**Staging Area:** **You will receive your staging assignment via email on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Any special requests (such as pairing two entries together) should be submitted on the application for consideration. Staging assignments may change at any time for reasons of safety or logistics.

Space in the staging area can be very tight. On the application, we ask you to let us know what vehicle(s) you will bring on Parade Day. If your plans change at any point, contact the event chairman as soon as possible so that adjustments can be made ahead of time. **Showing up with larger or extra vehicles unannounced causes many problems to solve for both our volunteers and fellow parade participants.**

**Parade Route:** **We have returned to our familiar staging area near the Cathedral.**

At the time of this mailing, the route is still under review by the City of Peoria.

Route maps and staging layout will be made available on the web site once approved.

Our primary objective in hosting the Parade is to create a fun and visually engaging display which celebrates our Irish heritage and promotes a safe, family-oriented, fun event. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your participation in the event.

Our parade is not the appropriate venue for political agendas or divisive language or messages, including but not limited to: grievances about current or former political administrations, or other controversial topics. Please contact me directly if you have any questions regarding your entry's theme.

KC Murphy, St. Patrick's Day Parade Chair  
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## Rules & Regulations for the 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade

**The Parade is Tuesday, March 17, 2026, Rain or Shine,** and steps off at **11:00 AM**. This family friendly parade celebrates and honors our Irish history, culture and traditions.

**Deadline for Parade Entries is March 7, 2026.** Date of entry will be taken into consideration when assigning line-up positions. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the parade committee and may be assessed a late registration fee.

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

**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.

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

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

**Entries must be decorated to support the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.** Participants are encouraged to incorporate the holiday itself or elements of Irish history, culture, or traditions in their decoration. **Simply taping a few streamers to the side of a vehicle is not good enough.**

**All entries must display an identifying banner** which is neatly lettered and legible.

**The City of Peoria and Peoria Police Department have requested the emphasis of these rules in the interest of crowd control and the safety of the young children attending the parade:**

- Candy and beads are not to be **thrown** from the moving units.
- Candy and beads may be **handed** to the crowd by participants **walking as close to the curbline as possible.**

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

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 in the staging area.**

**Please check the staging area map** and plan your arrival and departure path ahead of time. Block captains will be present to assist you.

**Block Captains**, easily identified wearing safety vests, will be stationed in the staging area to provide assistance and will escort the parade 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.

**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 found 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, during, and after the parade.

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

**No participants are to board or exit parade vehicles once the parade is in motion.**

**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. Walkers are expected to keep up with the pace of the vehicles. Block captains may instruct drivers to adjust speed as required.

**First, Second, and Third Place Awards** will be given in the following categories: Business Entries, Family Entries, and Organization Entries.

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

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



**St. Patrick Society of Peoria**  
**St. Patrick's Day Parade Application**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

**Deadline: March 7, 2026**

*Online Registration is also available at [www.stpatpeoria.com](http://www.stpatpeoria.com)*

**Please Print:**

**Name of Entry** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Type of vehicle, name of business, club, organization, or individual(s) represented.)*

**Contact Person / Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please use business or school address if applicable)*

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Type:** *(Please check one. Fee schedule listed below. Please contact the event chairman if you are not sure.)*

- Color Guard     
  Marching Band     
  Military / Veteran     
  School / Scouts     
  Personal Vehicle  
 Family     
  Organization     
  Municipal     
  Business     
  Political Candidate

**Your entry will feature:** *(Please check all that apply)*

- Marching/Walking     
  Single Decorated Vehicle     
  Traditional Float Trailer     
  Antique/Custom Vehicle  
 Color Guard     
  Music (live or prerecorded)     
  Animals \_\_\_\_\_     
  Sirens     
  Motorcycles  
 Company Vehicle     
  Children     
  Bicycles/scooters/skates     
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**Description of your entry:** *(This is what the announcers will read as you pass the judge's stand. Approx 45 words maximum, please.)*

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**Additional notes:** *(Use this space to make special requests or share information we need to know. We cannot make any guarantees but will do our best to accommodate.)*

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**Vehicle details:** *(For proper space allocation, tell us exactly what you are bringing. For example, "LeBaron Convertible", or "Ford F250 4-door & 18 foot trailer")*

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**Do you want your entry judged for competition? (Circle one) yes no**      **Promotional Code (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**2026 St Patrick's Day Parade Entry Fee Schedule:**

*Entry fees are non-refundable*

No Fee	Marching Bands, Schools, or Scout Troops
No Fee	Municipal Entries: City-owned vehicles representing police, fire, or public works
No Fee	Color Guard, Military, or Veteran Organizations (must submit Nonprofit ID number)
\$30	Personal antique / custom vehicles or motorcycles (no group rate)
\$50	Organization Entry
\$50	Family Entry (\$40 if applicant is a Society Member in good standing)
\$150	Business Entry (\$125 if applicant is a Society Member in good standing)
\$150	Political Entry (\$125 if applicant is a Society Member in good standing)

After completing this application, please sign the Publicity & Liability Waiver (found on the back side of this page) and mail it along with a check made payable to the St. Patrick Society to:

Parade Registration  
 St. Patrick Society of Peoria  
 5835 N. Galena Road, Suite 110  
 Peoria IL, 61614

**Office Use Only:** Entry Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Waiver Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Received: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Pay Pal: \_\_\_\_\_ No Fee \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Parade Liability & Publicity Waiver**

### **St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17, 2026**

The undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants hereby agrees that the behavior and conduct of his/her unit of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and his/her units' participants is/are solely responsible for the safety and that approval of participation of the unit in said parade in no way reflects any undertaking of responsibility or liability of the St. Patrick Society of Peoria.

Furthermore, the undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants acknowledges that he/she is aware of risks associated with participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the St. Patrick Society of Peoria. The undersigned contact person for the named entry and/or any of its participants agrees to waive, release and discharge the St. Patrick Society of Peoria, the City of Peoria, the County of Peoria, and the State of Illinois from any and all liabilities for damages, death, personal injury, or property damage which the named entry and/or any of its participants may have, or which may hereafter occur to the named entry and/or any of its participants in whole or in part during the assembly of the parade line-up, the movement of the parade along the parade route, and the leaving of the parade route.

In agreeing to be a participant in the St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the St. Patrick Society of Peoria, the undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants hereby agrees that photos taken during the parade assembly, movement of the parade along the parade route and the leaving of the parade route may be used by the St. Patrick Society of Peoria in its publications, promotions, advertising or otherwise, without any further approval whatsoever.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parade Entry Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Office Use Only:**

**Liability & Publicity Waiver Received: USPS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **On-Line:** \_\_\_\_\_