



# St. Patrick Society of Peoria

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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. Visit our web site and you will find all the information required to register your group for the parade. If you prefer to register using traditional mail, you will also find a downloadable PDF containing all the required forms which you may print and mail.

Whether you use electronic or traditional registration, all entries are to be postmarked or submitted to the St. Patrick Society no later than March 7, 2025. 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, whether mailed or online (usually within 48 hours) you will receive an email which will confirm your application and provide further instructions. The recipient of all parade related emails should communicate relevant information to all persons involved with your entry group when announced.

**Parade Information:** The Parade will start at **11:00 AM** on Monday, March 17, 2025 at the Corner of Hancock and Monroe Streets.

**Theme:** **TV & Movies.** You may choose between a traditional St. Patrick's Day theme, or be creative and put an Irish twist on your favorite TV show or movie!

**Staging Area:** **You will receive your staging assignment via email on Thursday, March 14<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.

**Parade Route:** **We are returning to our original staging area near the Cathedral.**

At the time of this letter, the route is still being approved by the City of Peoria.  
Route maps and staging layout will be made available when complete.

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 our annual event. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your participation.

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 participation in the event.

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

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### Rules & Regulations for the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade

**The Parade is Monday, March 17, 2025, 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, 2025.** 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.

**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.**

**Entries must be decorated to support the celebration of St. Patrick's Day or our annual theme.** 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.**

**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.

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

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

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

**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**, 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.

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

**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 or deviates from the approved design.**

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