



# St. Patrick Society of Peoria

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Feb 1, 2025

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 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 St. Patrick's Day Parade. 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  
309-264-0729 / [murph@murphmail.net](mailto:murph@murphmail.net)



**St. Patrick Society of Peoria**  
**St. Patrick's Day Parade Application**  
**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**Deadline: March 7, 2025**

*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, or organization.)*

**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       Antique/Custom Vehicle  
 Color Guard       Music (live or prerecorded)       Animals \_\_\_\_\_       Sirens       Motorcycles  
 Company Vehicle       Children       Bicycles/scooters/skates       \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of your entry:** *(This is what the announcers will read as you pass the judge's stand so write something descriptive and fun!)*

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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 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)** \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 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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### 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.



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### **Parade Liability & Publicity Waiver St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17, 2025**

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Membership Form may be completed on-line @**  
**www.stpatpeoria.com or by mail**

## Membership Form

MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

You do not need to be Irish to be a member of the St. Patrick Society of Peoria

### FIRST MEMBER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:      \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual      \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Life-Time Individual

Check One:      \_\_\_\_\_ New      \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

I would like to make a Donation:      \$\_\_\_\_\_

### SECOND MEMBER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:      \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual      \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Life-Time Individual

Check One:      \_\_\_\_\_ New      \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

I would like to make a Donation:      \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Let us know if you can volunteer at a Society Event by marking an X on the line:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Trivia      Date: 2/1/25      \_\_\_\_\_ St Patrick's Day Parade 3/17/2025

Peoria Irish Fest – Erin Feis \_\_\_\_\_ Set-Up 8/21/2025      \_\_\_\_\_ Friday 8/22/2025      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday 8/23/2025      \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 8/24/2025

### **Membership Benefits – If you present your valid membership card**

10% Discount on Irish Merchandise at Peoria Flag & Decorating  
10% Discount on Society Merchandise  
Periodic Newsletters

Discount on Admission Fees for the following Scheduled Events:  
Trivia Challenge      Date: February 1, 2025  
Peoria Irish Fest – Erin Feis      August 22, 23, 24, 2025

Mail to:      Chuck Bergquist, Membership Chair  
                 St. Patrick Society of Peoria  
                 5835 N Galena Road, Suite 110  
                 Peoria IL 61614  
                 Make your check payable to St. Patrick society

**You May Complete your Membership Application & Pay On-line**  
Go to [www.stpatpeoria.com](http://www.stpatpeoria.com)  
Click on Membership for Details  
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