



2023 BRIDGETON 4TH OF JULY PARADE
Music Throughout the Decades!
GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES



- **PARADE STAGING AREA:** The parade staging area will be located off Fee Fee Rd. on Avery Lane, Benedetta, and Bain Ct.
- **PARADE ROUTE:** Parade will begin promptly at 10 am. at the corner of Lockport and Benedetta; proceed on Benedetta to Tideland to Majella. From Majella, turn left on to Natural Bridge Rd. and then continue west on Natural Bridge to the entrance of the Target/Machinist Hall parking lot. The parade will terminate at the east end of the Target parking lot.
- **DECORATIONS:** All mobile entries, car show vehicles and dignitaries' cars **MUST BE DECORATED**. Dignitaries must furnish a sign displaying their name and public office. Due to power line clearance, floats must be no higher than 12 feet and no wider than 10 feet. o Not for profit groups can submit receipts (no later than July 15, 2023) for reimbursement of up to \$100. This is on a first come first serve basis. We will not reimburse participants for the purchase of candy. **NOTE: If your organization should win first place, you will forfeit any reimbursement and just receive the \$250 prize money.**
- **JUDGING:** Additional consideration will be given to entries that adhere to the parade theme and incorporate music to the entry. *It is important to note that only entries registered in the application for judging will be judged.* The judging grandstand will be located at the old city hall building at 11955 Natural Bridge Rd.
- **CANDY/GIVE AWAY ITEMS:** For safety reasons, candy/give away items should be handed out, not thrown.
- **PARTICIPANTS:** Please stay in the order you have been assigned by the parade committee. Your assigned participant number (provided by parade organizers) must be clearly displayed in the front left of your entry (ex. front left of a banner or front left of a vehicle window).
- **GAPS:** To facilitate the flow of the parade, please minimize the space between you and the group in front of you.
- **OPERATORS OF VEHICLES:** Drivers must be at least 19 years of age and must adhere to the Missouri Motor Vehicle Driving laws.
- **SOUND SYSTEMS:** The use of any type of sound equipment must be indicated on parade applications. This year's theme is Music Throughout the Decades, appropriate music is highly encouraged. **MUSIC WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR ENTRY!**
- **FLYERS OR ADVERTISEMENTS:** These items are allowed on vehicles but may not be passed out by any person or organization in the parade. Give-a-way's, which have endorsements, are permitted. These include things such as: water bottles with custom labels, candy, toys, pens, coupons, etc.
- **CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS:** Assemble in your designated entry slot by 8:30 am. The cars will be judged at that time.
- **WATER:** All groups are responsible for providing their own water. It is important to remind your participants to hydrate themselves throughout the parade.
- **MEETING PLACE:** Please designate a meeting place other than the Bridgeton Recreation Center. We have no way of getting people that are left behind to their position in line and will be closing the doors at 9 am.
- **EQUESTRIAN AND HORSE DRAWN UNITS:** Equestrian and horse drawn units being judged must adhere to the parade theme or the patriotic spirit of America. **All units must also provide their own CLEAN-UP CREW** to follow directly behind their entries and clean up at their assembly points. Any equestrian Unit without a clean-up crew will not be allowed to participate.
- **WEATHER:** In the event of inclement weather, please refer to the web page www.bridgetonmo.com.

Deadline for entries is Thursday June 1st, 2023 If received after June 1st, you may participate however, will not be judged.

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