

## 2024 Marple Newtown July 4th Parade Participant Information and Instructions

1. THE 2024 PARADE WILL BE HELD THUR., JULY 4<sup>th</sup>. The parade steps off at 10am and travels east, from St. Alban's Circle in Newtown Square to Malin Road and the Broomall Fire House. Rain date is Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
2. PRE-REGISTRATION saves time. Beginning June 3 all Floats (Large, Medium, Small & Commercial), Costumed Individuals and Marching Groups can register in advance by visiting [www.mnrecreation.myrec.com](http://www.mnrecreation.myrec.com). Simply complete the online form by June 27 and your parade number will be mailed to the address submitted. On June 28 and July 1 through July 3, registration can be done in person from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Marple Newtown Recreation office. Day of parade registration can be done on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 9:30am at St. Alban's Circle. Bikes, Strollers, Wagons and Hand Drawn Floats register on July 4<sup>th</sup> only at St. Anastasia's.
3. All Floats (Large, Medium, Small, & Commercial), Costumed Individuals, and Marching Groups, should report to St. Alban's Circle between the hour of 8:30am and 9:30am. You will be directed to a line up spot. Once in line, please check in at the registration table to pick up participation certificate, parade book and any last-minute instructions.
4. If being judged, secure your number on the **PASSENGER'S SIDE FRONT WINDSHIELD** of your float or vehicle or on the **FRONT RIGHT HAND SIDE** of the lead person in your group. It must be distinguishable as you pass in front of the judge's stand.
5. Entries (floats/groups) are encouraged to provide some type of signage (banner, etc.) to help the public identify you as you move along the parade route. **ALL ENTRIES AND SIGNAGE MUST BE FAMILY FRIENDLY. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY SIGNAGE CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE.**
6. All Hand Drawn Floats, Wagons and Strollers (no motorized vehicles) report to the large parking lot (closest to Radnor Road) at St. Anastasia School, between 9:00 and 9:45am. Go to the registration table to register, receive your number, and instructions to be judged. This category is for individuals and family units only - No Organizations. **NO GO-CARTS OR MOTORIZED "TOY CARS."**
7. All Bikes report to the large parking lot (closest to Radnor Road) at St. Anastasia's Church, between 9:00 and 9:45am. Report to the registration table and get your instructions. Bikes are judged **ON SITE**. Listen for instructions, and wait to be entered into the parade. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.**

8. Please **KEEP PACE** - gaps in the parade cause audience boredom and problems for the judges. Keep up with the group ahead of you. While performances are encouraged, please keep them brief.
9. Float entries, parade vehicles, antique cars, etc. are required to follow the rules of the road as mandated by the PA Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. **MOTOR VEHICLES MUST COME TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE LOADING OR UNLOADING PASSENGERS. THEREFORE, NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO CLIMB ONTO OR EXIT FROM A MOVING FLOAT / VEHICLE.**
10. Please note that young children running in front of and around moving vehicles during the parade has become more frequent in recent years. As such, our Police Departments have requested we eliminate the throwing of candy/giveaways from moving vehicles thus preventing children from chasing an item that doesn't reach the curb. An alternative would be to have someone walk the parade perimeter and hand out giveaways. Your help in making safety our number one priority is much appreciated. Please drive carefully.
11. All commercial vehicles (trucks, cars, etc.) must be decorated.
12. **A Parade Quiet Zone has been established for individuals sensitive to loud sounds and will stretch a short distance along West Chester Pike from Evergreen Ave. to Ann Road in Broomall. In this zone sounding sirens and blowing air horns will be prohibited.**
13. The judge's stand will be located at the end of the parade route. If you wish to perform for the judges, please **STOP** - perform (up to 1 1/2 minutes only) and move on. If you are not performing for the judges, please keep moving to the breakdown area (near the fire house). **PLEASE DO NOT SQUIRT WATER OR OTHER LIQUIDS AT THE JUDGES.**
14. All floats must be disassembled before departure from the breakdown area.
15. Bikes and wagons are not permitted to be parked in front of the fire house. They must proceed to and park in the breakdown area near the station.
16. Awards will be presented as quickly as possible, but all participants deserve equal review by the judges, and this may result in some delays. Please be patient, gather in front of the Fire House and Ambulance Corps, have a free beverage, and **RELAX. Awards will be presented in front of the Broomall Fire House.**

**NOTES:**

- A. Antique cars will not be judged and do not have to register. Please place a sign on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the vehicle, giving its **MAKE and YEAR**. Report to St. Alban's Circle between 8:30 and 9:30am for placement in the parade.