

# st. pat's in five points parade application

saturday, march 19, 2022



All parties (including civic groups, schools, dignitaries, politicians, etc.) seeking parade space within St. Pat's in Five Points must read and sign the following contract. Please complete this application and return with your payment. Indicate your responses by typing or printing clearly. Parade space will be assigned on a priority basis as applications are received.

## set-up times & pertinent info:

- Parade date - Saturday, March 19, 2022
- **Arrival Time - 8:30am-9:30am – Please be in your assigned location by 9:45am at the latest.**
- Parade Start Time - 10am, Devine Street at Sims Avenue in Shandon
- Parade Route - It starts at Devine Street and Sims Avenue in Shandon, takes a right on Saluda Avenue\* in Five Points, a right on Greene Street\* and then a final left on Harden Street (left side of the street) and ends at Pendleton Street. (\*tight turns)
- Parking - **Parking is limited and carpooling is highly recommended because only street parking is available. Making arrangements to have someone drop you off is recommended.**
- **Weather – The parade will go on rain or shine.**
- **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
- Floats – If you need a float for your entry, please contact Kirby Parade Floats at 803.359.3134.
- Submission of documentation does not guarantee selection for the 2022 St. Pat's Parade. If your organization is not selected to participate, your parade fee will be returned to you.

## Line-up & staging info:

- **Parade Check-In** - Parade Captains will be stationed in each line-up area. Please assign one member from your unit to check-in with your area captain.
- **Parents/Leaders** – Please walk children to their assigned spot in the staging area. Please make sure that all of your participants know the line-up number. **Gathering at a pre-determined spot and entering the staging area as a group is highly recommended.**
- The parade assembly/staging area is on Devine Street between Sims Avenue and Millwood Avenue. Chatham Avenue will be used for access, and Amherst Avenue and Capitol Place will be used for staging.
- **All streets in the lineup area will be closed at 8am to all but parade units. Only vehicles participating in the parade may enter the staging area.**
- **Ott Road will be closed to traffic. All parade entries must enter using Devine Street.** If your position number is located on Amherst Avenue or Capitol Place, you should enter on Devine Street, turn left on Chatham Avenue, turn right on Blossom Street and right onto the appropriate street.
- **For vehicles entering the staging area, write your parade unit number on paper, and display it in your LEFT FRONT windshield;** it must be easily visible. Units should arrive at the staging area in time to be in place by 9:45am. Go to your area, and line up according to your number. Line up after the unit number previous to yours or the number closest to it. The list of parade units will be included in your parade packet. Please bring it with you the day of the parade to assist you in identifying the groups just before and just after yours. We will have a parade grandstand located at Saluda's, and the emcee will be Curtis Wilson from ABC Columbia and The Big DM. He will announce each entry as it passes, so it's most important that everyone is lined up in the correct order. See one of the parade marshals, if you have questions the day of the parade.
- **Once you submit an application, please do not add anything to your parade unit without permission as it will throw off the line up. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.**

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## parade rules:

- Drive slowly in the middle of Devine Street.
- Keep at least one car length between units.
- Keep at least one car length from walking units
- Do not stop unless you have an emergency.
- Stay Alert – The goal is to have a gapless parade, and watch out for children and those with strollers and pets
- Do not throw candies or novelties to the crowd. This is a major safety issue as it encourages parade watchers, especially children, to run into the street to retrieve whatever is being thrown. Any unit not abiding by this request can be removed from the parade by the Columbia Police Department.
- Favors/Information may be handed out. We encourage walkers with your group to hand out favors, candy or information to the crowd.
- Be courteous and remember the spirit of the parade. It is a day for family fun!
- Always listen to law enforcement officers and parade officials.
- Animals – We love having animals in the parade; however, you must keep up with the unit in front of you. Please do not stop and let children pet the animals or take pictures with them. **Horses, dogs or other animals must provide their own clean up staff.** The Five Points Association, their committee members and/or volunteers will not clean up behind your animal(s). Please be respectful of the other units that may follow you and your animals.

## Awards:

- Prizes will be awarded for:
  - Best Musical Entry
  - Best Patriotic Entry
  - Best Use of Green/St. Pat's Theme
- Winning entries will receive their prizes by mail (using the mailing address in the application) and will have their information published on StPatsColumbia.com post-festival.

## post-parade transportation & dispersal:

- End of Parade Dispersal - Please follow the directions of law enforcement officers and Parade Captains who will direct your unit through the end of the parade dispersal on Harden Street at Pendleton Streets.
- It is the responsibility of each group to get back to their starting destination. Leaders should have a list of participants and each person's return plan. Individual vehicles picking up participants should do so outside the event perimeter at a pre-arranged location. You may have someone temporarily park on Senate Street, next to Cook Out, to pick up your group. **DO NOT PARK IN THE FOOD LION PARKING LOT BECAUSE YOU WILL BE TOWED.**

## parade entry fees:

- **Political Candidates** - \$100
- **Commercial** - \$75
- **Non-Profits** - \$25 (Must submit proof of IRS documentation with application)
- **District Schools, Churches and Sitting Politicians** - FREE

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general release:

The undersigned does hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge the Five Points Association, their officers, directors, agents, representatives and employees or contracted staff of and from all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity from any loss or damage of any nature of description, known or unknown, in any way barring from or relating to the undersigned participation in the St. Pat's Parade. The undersigned will indemnify and hold the Five Points Association harmless from any claim, by any agent, employee or contractor of the undersigned arising from or related to participation in the St. Pat's Parade celebration. I agree that photographs, recordings or any other record may be used for the purpose of promoting programs operated by the Five Points Association.

By signing this document, parade participant acknowledges that they have received a copy of the St. Pat's in Five Points parade contract, have read the regulations, understood its contents, how they will apply and agree to fully comply with the regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## parade entry information:

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ /w \_\_\_\_\_ /c

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Site Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## unit category:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Political Candidates** - \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commercial** - \$75

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## type of unit:

\_\_\_\_\_ Walking, Estimated number in group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ROTC/Drill Team, Estimated number in group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Marching Band, Estimated number in group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycles/ATVs/Bikes, Estimated number in group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Horses/Animals/Mounted, Estimated number in group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Motorized/Float

## **If motorized/float:**

Type of vehicle(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Length/width/height: \_\_\_\_\_

Total vehicles in unit: \_\_\_\_\_

## **All Entries:**

Describe your unit (i.e. passing out info or candy, animals, dancing, marching band, etc.):

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**Grandstand Script for Emcee:**

Keep descriptions short. Anything longer than these four lines will not be read.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your Application to:

Five Points Association  
532 Congaree Avenue  
Columbia, SC 29205

**OR**

email your Application to:

[parade@stpatscolumbia.com](mailto:parade@stpatscolumbia.com)

**Applications will not be considered complete and will not be processed until fee payment and complete application is turned in.** If your application is not approved, then the application fee will be returned to the address listed in the application. Please make checks payable to the Five Points Association. If you'd prefer to pay by credit card, we can send you a PayPal invoice. Just let us know by emailing [parade@stpatscolumbia.com](mailto:parade@stpatscolumbia.com).