

St. Patrick's Day Parade

GREATER NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

♣ Sunday, March 12, 2017 ♣ Step off at 1:30 p.m. ♣

♣ Celebrating Our 175th Anniversary ♣

September 2016

Dear Potential 2017 Parade Participant:

On behalf of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, it is with pride & great anticipation that I extend an invitation to your organization to submit an application for entry in the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 12, 2017.

To participate in the parade, please complete the online application by January 18, 2017 located at www.stpatricksdaysparade.org/parade-day/. Applications are now available online. Upon receipt of application, you will receive a confirmation email, followed by the status of your application no later than February 7, 2017.

For the 7th year, FOX61 will again partner with the Parade Committee to broadcast the parade and provide real-time commentary on the cultural traditions represented by the 3000 marchers along the 1.3 mile parade route. The estimated 300,000 spectators combined with the live broadcast contribute to multi-cultural understanding and enhances accessibility for diverse viewership throughout New England and New York. Likewise, as marching units compete for parade awards, they offer skillful and well-rehearsed performances that attract spectators to what has become the largest single day spectator event in the State of Connecticut, the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The following directives have been established and adherence will be strictly enforced by the Parade Marshals during this parade season:

♣ **Parade Applications:** Submission of the parade application after the deadline of January 18, 2017 will be subject to a \$50.00 administration fee.

♣ **Competitive Judging:** The official judges for the marching and musical competitions are from the Northeast Judging Association and are located at the reviewing stand on Church Street in front of New Haven City Hall. Units are judged according to categories and will compete for a variety of awards. *Be aware, in the past, judges have deducted deduct points for lack of uniformity, excessive spacing between units, blocking spectators by handlers, and flag code violations!* Recipients of the awards are published in the "New Haven Register" newspaper and presented with a commemorative plaque at the Parade Awards Night Ceremony in spring 2017

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- ♣ **Stopping along the route:** Stopping to perform along the route is **not permitted**, unless otherwise authorized by the Parade Coordinator prior to the parade. Any units stopping and performing in front of the reviewing stand or along the parade route are automatically disqualified from the competition and forfeit contractual honorariums. Please ensure that all of your routines or performances can be executed whilst marching.
- ♣ **End of Parade Route:** The last leg of the Parade Route concludes east on Grove Street to Orange Street. Marching units are to **disperse on Grove and Orange Streets, not Church Street**. Please do not impede the flow of the parade participants by congregating on the path alongside Church Street.
- ♣ **Late Arrivals:** All units should arrive & check in with division Marshal at their designated staging areas **no later than 12:30 p.m.** on Parade Day. If your unit arrives late for staging, your unit will be placed at the end of the parade (no exceptions).
- ♣ **Candy and Giveaways:** Under no circumstances should anything be thrown from a vehicle or from parade participants. This is a safety risk for parade participants as well as parade spectators. Units found to be throwing items will run the risk of disqualification and may forfeit contractual honorariums.
- ♣ **Parade Orders:** Please read and bring copies of the parade orders for the members of your organization on parade day. For your convenience, the orders are published on the website, www.stpatricksdaysparade.org, and can be printed directly from the site. Availability of the orders will commence one week prior to Sunday, March 12, 2017.

In closing, I would like to take this time to thank you for your potential participation in this free cultural event. The members of the Parade Committee proudly organize this annual Event for the Greater New Haven community. Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have any questions regarding the application process for the 2017 Parade. We look forward to hearing from you and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,



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