

St. Patrick's Day Parade

GREATER NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

♣ **Sunday, March 11, 2018** ♣ **Step off at 1:30 p.m.** ♣

Fall 2017

Dear Potential 2018 Parade Participant:

On behalf of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, it is with great enthusiasm 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 11, 2018. We are thrilled this year to announce our new media partner, WTNH 8. Our parade will be telecast **LIVE** on WTNH8!

We have gone green & all applications will now be registered using our on-line application. To participate in the parade, please complete the ON-LINE APPLICATION located at:

<http://stpatricksdayparade.org/application/>

All applications must be received no later than January 20, 2018. Upon receipt of application, you will receive a confirmation email. Once all applications are reviewed we will then send you the status of your participation no later than February 1, 2018.

The Greater New Haven parade is the sixth oldest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the United States and the oldest in New England. Historically we have had over 3,100 marchers and more than 250,000 spectators along the parade route. It has received national recognition in the Library of Congress, in a project entitled Local Legacies, which commemorates and celebrates America's richly diverse culture.

We believe marching with us is a terrific opportunity for any organization to experience a tradition going all the way back to 1842. Marching units compete for professionally judged parade awards. The skillful and well-rehearsed performances attract spectators to what has become the largest single day spectator event in the State of Connecticut. The parade route is approximately 1.3 miles long and units march on level ground the entire way passing sections of downtown New Haven, including the Yale University campus, and continuing pass the reviewing stand located across from the historic New Haven Green.

The following are established participant directives. 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 20, 2018 will be subject to a \$50.00 administration fee. Please contact the Coordinator if this is a concern for your unit.
- ♣ **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 without prior authorization

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will be automatically disqualified from the competition and forfeit contractual honorariums. Please ensure that all of your routines or performances can be executed whilst marching. There should be no participants exiting the line of march and into the crowd.

- ♣ **Competitive Judging:** The official judges for the marching and musical competitions are from the Northeast Judging Association. Judges 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. The names of award winners will be published in the "New Haven Register" newspaper. Award recipients are presented with a commemorative plaque during the Parade Awards Night to be held in spring 2018. *Be aware, in the past, judges have deducted points for lack of uniformity, excessive spacing between units, blocking spectators by handlers, and flag code violations!*
- ♣ **End of Parade Route:** The last leg of the Parade Route concludes on Grove Street at 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 or handed out 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 at the link to paradecloud.com can be printed directly from the site. Availability of the orders will commence one week prior to Sunday, March 11, 2018.

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 2018 Parade. We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to marching with you on Sunday March 11, 2018.

Sincerely,



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