

# Rotary Club of Chanhassen's Fourth of July Parade

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### 2023 Parade Rules and Important Additional Information – Please read.

For questions send an email to [Events@ChanhassenRotary.org](mailto:Events@ChanhassenRotary.org). You need to register by *June 10* to secure your spot in the parade lineup. Register online at our [Parade Cloud database](#). Or type the following text into your browser:

<https://app.paradecloud.com/registration/908/95462d211cbb10bcd9c97976dbe59a90>

#### Entry fees to be in the parade:

- \$100 for Politicians and businesses, Each Politician running for office must register separately from their political party.
- \$75 for other entrants. Non-Profits will be asked to verify their non-profit status by providing their EIN number.
- There is no entry fee for 2021 / 2023 Rotary Club of Chanhassen Sponsors or Non-Profit charitable organizations who have received grants from our club.

Once your registration application is accepted, you will receive further instructions, including instructions for payment. If payment is required, You will receive your line-up number during the week before the parade – by June 30.

**Timing of Parade:** Line up starts at 1:00 p.m. and the parade begins at 2:30 p.m. on July 4.

**Line up Information:** Line-up numbers are posted on wooden markers. Volunteers will be available to help find your space. The lineup area is in a quiet Chanhassen neighborhood. Please be respectful of residents' property and stay on the public street. Make sure to keep a traffic lane clear for emergency vehicles.

#### Other Parade Rules:

1. **Adult Supervision:** All entries that include children must have adequate adult supervision (1 adult to 6 children).
2. **Alcoholic Beverages:** Alcohol is strictly prohibited in the staging area and during the parade.
3. **Animals:** All entries with animals must provide their own cleanup. Dogs and other small animals must be on a leash. Don't forget to provide water for your animal.
4. **Bikes.** All riders must be at least 6 years old.
5. **Candy & Giveaways:** For the safety of everyone and to keep the parade flowing smoothly, these rules will be strictly enforced: Candy and other giveaways must be distributed by at least two walkers (one along the curb on each side of the street – and at the front of the parade unit). Candy/giveaways must be handed or gently tossed behind the curb line so kids will not run into the street.
6. **Changing Facilities:** Sorry, there are no changing facilities available.

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7. **Child Drop-Off:** Please arrange to have children dropped off/picked up before and after the parade. Vehicles that are not in the parade will not be permitted in the staging area.
  8. **Drivers:** All motorized vehicles must be operated by individuals who are properly licensed. Make sure everyone is seated or in a secure position before moving. The weather is typically hot, and the parade pace is slow. Make sure your vehicle can tolerate these conditions.
  9. **Floats:** Drivers and riders may NOT be concealed inside the float. Exhaust pipes must extend a minimum of 8" beyond decorations. Everyone must be seated or stand next to a secure post and be positioned so they can readily exit without having to use tools or keys. Decorations must not interfere with the driver's view of the route. Height maximum is 13'6" (to clear low-hanging power lines, lights, etc. Please limit your float entries to no more than 2 vehicles.
  10. **Groups:** Large groups should plan to ride on a single flat-bed truck, not in individual cars.
  11. **Signs:** Please identify your entry. We will have a judges stand with announcers this year. When you check in, you will be provided with a placard displaying your lineup number. Please ensure that your number can be displayed on your unit vehicle or held by a walker and visible to the announcers. **DO NOT** Change your lineup number and enter the procession in your assigned order.
- The description you provided in your application when you registered will be read by the announcers, It needs to be at least 50 – 100 words, but may be longer. Typical info might include Who you are, what you do, history of your organization or group, how you contribute to the community.
12. **Open Flame:** No open flame or smoking allowed on or near floats.
  13. **Parking:** Participant parking is located in the Southwest Transit Ramp near the Dinner Theatre. Please use appropriate sidewalk and obey traffic laws. Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed in the staging area. When filling out the registration form, please let us know, under "unit mode notes, if you will need a spot to park a horse trailer or float trailer during the parade.
  14. **Toilets & Trash:** Satellite toilets will be available near Parade Headquarters. Trash cans are provided in the line-up area.
  15. **Traffic Lights:** Ignore red lights along the route during the parade.
  16. **Vehicles & Trailers:** Unless prior approval is granted, all vehicles and trailers must be decorated or be of significant novelty or entertainment value to be included in the parade.
  17. **Walkers:** To keep up with the pace of the parade, be sure to bring strollers or wagons for younger children.
  18. **Water:** Coolers with cold water are provided at parade headquarters. Please bring water bottles (especially for young children and water dishes for pets) to use during the parade. Water guns, super-soakers, and water balloons are prohibited.

Please feel free to contact us at email ([events@chanhasseenrotary.org](mailto:events@chanhasseenrotary.org)) with any questions.

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### **Purpose of Chanhassen's Fourth of July Parade**

Americans think of July 4, 1776, as the day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. Thousands of communities around the nation celebrate this special day every year with parades, fireworks and a day of relaxation to commemorate those Americans who worked so hard and sacrificed so much to create and preserve our independence and the freedoms we cherish so dearly.

The beauty of a democracy is that we as Americans can express our ideas and differences and work out the necessary compromises in the public domain. On July Fourth however, we put our differences aside and simply become Americans.

The goal of Chanhassen's parade is to have a fun, family-oriented event, and celebrate our country's innumerable achievements and our freedoms as one people. We celebrate our leaders, our businesspeople, our public servants, our military, our police, our medical workers, and the thousands of volunteers who provide help to those in need, asking nothing in return.

While we welcome all - including politicians and political parties - to participate in this event, we do not invite organizations who desire to express a particular political message that divides us on this special day. We ask that your organization be clear on how you would enhance the family-focus entertainment value of our parade, and respect our decision to not include you if we believe your participation would run counter to our purpose.