



*The Village of Hoffman Estates*  
**2019 Independence Day PARADE**  
**Theme: "Happiest in Hoffman Estates"**  
**Parade Date: Thursday, July 4, 2019**  
**Information and Rules**



1. **TIME AND PLACE:** The parade will step-off promptly at **9:00 a.m.** **The parade route will be on Illinois Blvd.,** proceeding northeast from Paris Lane to Evanston Street. Length of parade route is roughly 1 mile, along a residential street with slight curves and minor grade changes (uphill/downhill).
2. **ROAD CLOSURES:** Illinois Blvd., from Paris Lane to Roselle Road, will be closed at **8:00 a.m.** sharp. No more parade participants will be permitted in this parade after that time.
3. **ASSEMBLY:** Assemble at the Schaumburg Township building and Maple Park by **7:45 a.m.** and walk together as a group to your assigned line-up position by **8:15 a.m.**
4. **APPEARANCE FEES:** Failure to indicate an appearance fee on the parade application will indicate that none is required. Units requiring appearance fees will be selected on the basis of available funds.
5. **DECORATION OF ENTREES:** All units must observe the parade theme by using suitable decorations. All vehicles, unless pulling floats, must be fully decorated. **NO BARE TRUCKS, WAGONS, TRAILERS, OR AUTOS** will be allowed. The Parade Committee may make exceptions to this rule as they deem appropriate.
6. **SIGNAGE:** Each entry must have a minimum of a 1' x 3' readable sign giving the official name of the entry. The entrants are also required to display a sign about 6" x 6" with your parade number on the left side of your unit. **FAILURE TO DISPLAY YOUR PARADE NUMBER PROPERLY MAY RESULT IN YOUR ENTRY NOT BEING JUDGED OR INCORRECTLY ANNOUNCED.**
7. **SUPERVISION:** Organizations with children marching must have a minimum of one adult per every six children. All parade entries with children **MUST** have an assigned adult who will stay with the children until **ALL** children are picked up by their parents or guardian. All children must be adequately supervised at all times. The Village of Hoffman Estates will not be liable for injuries a child may sustain. **NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO BE LEFT ON A FLOAT OR VEHICLE WITHOUT PROPER ADULT SUPERVISION.**

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8. **COMMISSION RULES:** The Commission **ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITS THE THROWING OF CANDY, GUM, WATER, CONFETTI OR OTHER ITEMS FROM ANY PARADE UNIT.** Candy, gum, or other items must be handed out from walking parade participants at curbside. Failure to comply with these rules will disqualify the units from the parade judging and possible forfeiture of future parades.
9. **JUDGING:** *Judges will be positioned all along the parade route, and units will be judged throughout the parade.* Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the parade. The awards presentation will take place at a location to be determined. All units will be judged in one category only.
10. **DISBANDING:** All entrants will turn left at Evanston Street and disband unless otherwise directed by the Police Department or a parade assistant.
11. **DIRECTIONS:**
  - I-90 from the West; exit at Rt. 59 (New Sutton Road, toll exit) and make right to Schaumburg Road. Go left to Illinois Blvd. (5-6 miles) and turn left.
  - I-90 from the East; exit at Roselle Road (toll charge). Head south on Roselle Road then west to Illinois Blvd. (*Illinois Blvd. access closed at 8 am.*)
  - From the North or South: Take Higgins Road south to Roselle Road then west to Illinois Blvd. (*Illinois Blvd. access closed at 8 am.*)

**Your cooperation in following these rules is greatly appreciated.**

