

Peachtree City's Independence Day Parade – Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Registration Information and Parade Rules

Participation in the parade is limited to Fayette County residents, businesses, organizations, and politicians



REGISTRATION Information

Peachtree City- Monday, May 8th
Fayette County- Monday, May 22rd



Registration deadline is June 20th. However, limited space is available and parade may fill before this date.

The parade lineup will be determined by the PTC Recreation and Special Events Department.
Those who are first to register will not be automatically placed at the front of the parade.

Procedure

There are two ways to submit your parade entry form:

- Online at: <https://peachtree-city.org/126/Recreation-Special-Events>
- In person, at the Kedron Fieldhouse & Aquatic Center, located at 202 Fieldhouse Drive

Fees

- There is no charge for Peachtree City residents, businesses, civic organizations, churches, or politicians.
- The fee for a Fayette County resident, nonprofit organization, church, or politician is \$25.
- The fee for a Fayette County commercial business is \$50.

PLEASE NOTE: PTC residents are NOT allowed to register a parade entry for any out of county business or organization.

Acceptable Entries

An entry consists of ONE of the following:

- One Golf Cart
- TWO Tandem (side by side) Golf Carts
- One car
- One truck
- One float (vehicle pulling trailer)

ALL entries MUST be decorated patriotically in a family-friendly manner. Undecorated vehicles **are prohibited** unless they are pulling a decorated float. Please note that one balloon or a few streamers DOES NOT constitute decorations, nor does a vehicle with a “wrap” advertising a business. Awards will be given to the best decorated entries.

Unacceptable Entries

The following are **NOT** allowed:

- Box Trucks
- Dump Trucks
- Moving Vans
- Semi Trucks
- Enclosed Trailers
- Monorail Sections
- Horses
- Garbage Trucks
- Entries of JUST walkers (except organized marching bands)
- Undecorated vehicles
- Dogs WALKING in parade (dogs are permitted to ride in parade vehicles with proper adult supervision)

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER RESIDENT, BUSINESS, OR ORGANIZATION IS ALLOWED. REGISTERING AS A BUSINESS AND AS A RESIDENT SEPERATELY IS NOT ALLOWED AND WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL

Participant Details

Parade Route

ALL participants must be in place **no later than 7:30 AM**. **ALL late arrivals will be moved to the end of the parade lineup.** Absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made; please plan accordingly.

The parade begins at Village on the Green, just north of the Braelinn Golf Course, on Peachtree Parkway at 9 AM. The parade will travel north on the Parkway, cross over Crosstown Road and proceed north. It will turn left on McIntosh Trail and left again into the parking lot of the McIntosh Trail Recreation Complex. The route is approximately 2 miles. **Anyone walking the route (spotters, marching band members, etc.) MUST be physically capable of walking two miles without stopping.**

Judging

Parade judging begins promptly at 8 AM. Any participant who is still in the process of decorating or whose entry is incomplete will be bypassed. Winners will be given a sign announcing their selection before the parade begins and will be invited to a City Council Meeting to receive their award.

Giveaways

- Tossing candy is permitted; however, please make sure your giveaways are **soft tossed OFF the street**, so that spectators do not enter the parade route to retrieve candy.
- Pencils, pens, sports bottles, lollipops, sharp objects, water balloons, fruit or any item which may present a hazard are not allowed.
- Parade participants are not permitted to walk through the crowd of spectators to distribute giveaways as this causes a dangerous gap in the parade.
- Parade participants are not allowed to squirt water guns, spray silly string or water, or throw confetti.

Preventing Gaps

Please be aware of the dangers of gaps in the parade! Small children and other spectators have been known to enter the street during a gap, believing that the parade is over, and this places them directly in the path of oncoming parade vehicles. For this reason, the following rules **MUST** be observed:

- Campaigning is NOT permitted.
- Participants are not allowed to perform demonstrations that require stopping (such as dance routines, cheerleading routines, bicycle figure eights, dribbling balls, sword fights, workouts etc.).
- Music is allowed and encouraged, but **STOPPING TO PERFORM IS NOT!**

Other Safety Policies

- Spotters are needed to walk on each side of larger entries. The purpose of a spotter is to keep the crowds safely away from the parade vehicle, not to distribute promotional material.
- All floats or trucks carrying riders **ARE REQUIRED** to have side rails at least 36" high around riders and must have hand holds for standing participants.
- Participants are not permitted to exit and re-enter a float, or any vehicle, once the parade has started.
- Parade entry vehicles may not be changed from original application. Parade entries exceeding the contracted length will be sent to the end of the parade. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Safety is our number one priority.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO KEEP ALL SPECTATORS, PARTICIPANTS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS SAFE!

Additional Information:

- The primary applicant for each parade entry is responsible for ensuring that all participants in their group follow the parade rules.
- The parade is a rain or shine event. However, if public safety officials determine that weather conditions are unsafe for the parade, the announcement will be made on the following Facebook pages: City Government of Peachtree City and Peachtree City Police Department and Peachtree City Fire Rescue.
- Detailed staging information and entry numbers will be EMAILED to each participant no later than June 24. For any participant without internet access, printed copies of the same information will also be available to pick up at the Kedron Fieldhouse.

Failure to follow the parade rules may result in being banned from participation in future PTC parades.