

# MARDI GRAS PARADE GUIDELINES

READ CAREFULLY!!

March, 2019

The parade is scheduled for *Wzdnzsdag*, July 3, 2019. The parade kicks off promptly at **7:00 p.m.** The theme this year is, *Fairport Mardi Gras Celebrates Village Pride*". All parade entries and floats are encouraged to decorate to this year's Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras Theme. There is a "**Best In Theme**" category for entries decorated to this year's theme as well as monetary prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in other categories.

The staging area for the parade **STARTS** at the property off Fairport Nursery Road, near the intersection of East and Sixth Streets. **Watch for Signs!** All participants are urged to arrive to the Fairport Parade Staging area by **4:00 p.m.** or earlier or run the risk of being held up in traffic coming into town. If you are in a group that normally meets at the parade staging area, **you are urged to car pool. Parking in the staging area is limited to PARADE VEHICLES ONLY!!! ALL spectators need to park on the side streets in the village.** We ask all organizations to communicate to the parents or anyone dropping off children or parade entries to do so at the corner of East Street and Third Street and walk a block to the grass area. Parade Volunteers will be wearing staff t-shirts and available to assist you. Please avoid entering the parade staging area entrance at the corner of East St/Fairport Nursery Road (aka Sixth Street) as this is reserved **for parade vehicles only.** Please provide Chaperones for children in the grass area. We are not responsible for children left unattended.

When vehicles arrive at the Parade Staging area (corner of Sixth Street and East Street), please check in with one of the parade committee volunteers wearing purple t-shirts who will direct you to your Unit. A numbered index card that coincides with the unit that you are in, will be placed on each vehicle's windshield.

Once you are put in your parade position, **please stay in that unit/position** as the judge's sheets are made up in advance. It is important we receive your parade entry form by **June 16<sup>th</sup>**. We are accepting NO WALK-ON'S this year.

Once the parade begins, please keep moving with the flow. Do not leave any GAPS between you and the group in front of you. It is a disruption and only adds to frustration, confusion and delays for spectators and people in the parade.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF SMALL CHILDREN, DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM ANY VEHICLE. YOU MUST PROVIDE WALKERS IF YOU PLAN TO THROW CANDY. Thank You!!!**

No offensive material is allowed! Political advertising is permitted but Fairport Mardi Gras does not endorse or sponsor anyone or groups. Race cars are required to be placed on the back of a trailer and all specialty vehicles are not permitted to rev engines, do burn outs or pop wheelies. **We are limiting three (3) vehicles per business/entry in the parade.**

Judging is done at the Village Hall at Eagle and Third Street. We encourage performances throughout the parade but for judging purposes, groups are allotted one minute in front of judges to perform. Please adhere to this rule. Winners will be posted at the Grand Prize tent on the midway after 10:00 PM following the parade.

Sincerely,

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