



VILLAGE OF BEECHER

2022 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL PARADE

Dear Parade Participant:

We are only weeks away from Beecher's 95th Annual Fourth of July Parade! This letter is to give you advance information on some of the procedures for our parade. The parade will go off rain or shine at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4th, 2022. Parade registration will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Princess Café parking lot. Please enter off of Route #1 (Dixie Highway). After registering, you will be told where to line up on the west side of town and a map will be provided. You will proceed west on Indiana Avenue to your line-up location. You do not have to bring your float or entry to the registration area, but send a representative to pick up your map and identification number. Please be in your line-up spot by 3:30 p.m. ready to go.

The theme of the parade this year is "Welcome Back – Let's Celebrate!" All registered float entries will be judged on theme, use of material, presentation and best overall. Once again, this year we are going to judge the float entries in line-up, so if you are registering a float, please register early and be at your assigned location by 3:00 p.m. with your props and float riders. You will be told when you are being judged so you can initiate any type of skit or music you may have on your float for the judges. Judging the floats in line-up will help speed up the parade and allow for more effective judging.

We are asking that all entries make an attempt to register between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. If you cannot make registration by 3:30 p.m. but still want to be in the parade, you must proceed to Racine Avenue north of Indiana Avenue where you will line up along Racine between Miller Street and Indiana Avenue. However, only those that are registered by 3:30 p.m. will have an assigned spot in the parade and be eligible for a prize.

The parade route will be the same as in prior years. The quiet zone for all horns and sirens is west of the railroad tracks. Candy and other items must be handed to spectators and not thrown from any vehicle, person or float. Water guns and water balloons are not permitted. These rules are for your safety and for the safety of spectators. At no time should spectators be encouraged to enter the street area of the parade. The parade will end at the high school drive on Hodges Street and all entries can park in the drive and proceed to the main stage in the park for prize announcements.

Prizes this year for floats are as follows: one first place prize of \$1,000, one second place prize of \$750, one third place prize of \$500, one honorable mention prize of \$250, four \$50 prizes for horse entries, and four \$50 prizes for military vehicles. Prize checks will be available in the car raffle stand a few hours after announcement of winners at Firemen's Park, and will also be available at the Village Hall beginning Tuesday, July 5th.

A map is provided for your convenience on the back of this letter. If you have any questions about the parade, please contact the Village Hall at 708-946-2261. Hope to see you at the parade!