

WESTERVILLE'S ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
PRESENTED BY MOUNT CARMEL ST. ANNS
PRODUCED BY - THE ROTARY CLUB OF WESTERVILLE



Westerville 4th of July Independence Day Parade Invitation

You and your organization are invited to participate in the Westerville 4th of July Parade. Our theme this year is “Star-Spangled & Strong”

2022 will be the 60th year that our Rotary Club has helped stage Westerville's Independence Day!

Attached is a registration form for your convenience. You can also apply online at <https://westervillerotary.com/july-4th-events/>. Trucks, vans and commercial vehicles must be decorated appropriately (balloons, streamers, etc). Patriotic floats and displays are encouraged, well received and appreciated. There is a \$125 registration fee for commercial and political participants before **June 15th**. After **June 15th**, the fee will be raised to \$150.

The parade will begin at 10:30am on Monday, July 4th, 2022. Please be prepared for hot weather. All participants should consider having water available, even for those persons riding on floats or trucks. There should be adult walkers or riders to supervise and assist all children taking part in the parade.

SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN: Please do not throw candy or other items into the crowd. Items may be handed to those watching the parade. Any group violating this policy may be asked to leave the parade.

You will receive a confirmation notice and complete instructions on parade assembly location, time, and other pertinent information **one week before the 4th**. Participants will be placed by type of entry and date of receipt. Placement will be at the discretion of the Parade Committee.

The parade staging area will be at St. Paul's Church. We ask that you be mindful of trash and keep the area clean as we are committed to being good partners to the Church, City, and volunteers.

PARADE ENTRIES ARE DUE BY JUNE 15, 2022. Applications received after June 15th will need to be completed at the registration tent/desk on the 4th of July OR online with prior approval from the parade committee.

Get Social with us! We would love to see pictures of the event on social media. As you construct your floats, get ready for the parade and enjoy the experience tag us so we can all share in the fun. Our social media handles:

Facebook - [Rotary Club of Westerville](#)

Instagram - [rotary_club_of_westerville](#)

Twitter - [Rotary NoonClub](#)

#WestervilleParade

If you have any questions, please visit our website at <https://westervillerotary.com>. We look forward to seeing you in this year's parade.

Sincerely,

Rotary Club of Westerville

PO Box 595

Westerville, OH 43086-0595

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION?

Applications are available at <https://westervillerotary.com>

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE IN THE PARADE?

The cost is \$125.00 per entry for commercial and political participants.

WHAT TIME DO I NEED TO ARRIVE FOR PARADE SET-UP?

The staging area is available beginning at 9:00 on the 4th.

WHERE WILL THE PARADE ASSEMBLE?

Staging of the parade takes place at the southwest corner of North State St. and County Line Roads (St. Paul's Church). All participants should enter via Thompson Road, off of County Line Road.

WHAT TIME DOES THE PARADE START?

The parade starts promptly at 10:30am.

WHERE ARE WE POSITIONED IN THE PARADE?

You will be notified of your position when you arrive at the Registration Desk on the 4th.

MAY WE BE PLACED AT THE FRONT OF THE PARADE UPON REQUEST?

Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests, however, the final placement in the parade is, and must be determined by the Parade Committee.

WHEN IS THE LAST DAY FOR ENTRY FORMS?

Registration forms must be completed and received with payment (if applicable) no later than **JUNE 15, 2022**. For applications received after June 15, the fee will be \$150.00 and your entry will need to be completed: *At the registration desk on the 4th of July OR Online with prior permission from the Parade Committee.*

WHAT IS THIS YEAR'S PARADE ROUTE?

The route will begin from St. Paul's Catholic Church parking lot, and proceed south on State Street through Uptown Westerville to Electric Avenue. The parade will disperse by turning east on Electric Avenue.

HOW LONG DOES THE PARADE LAST?

From start to finish the parade will last approximately 2 hours. Please plan on at least that amount of time to enjoy the entire parade experience.

CAN WE THROW CANDLY WHILE WE ARE IN THE PARADE, EITHER FROM THE FLOAT OR WALKING?

ABSOLUTELY NOT. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS - The Westerville Police and Rotary Parade Marshals will be monitoring all participants throughout the parade. Any group caught throwing items into the crowd will be asked to leave the parade. Walkers with your group may **HAND ITEMS** to the Parade audience.

CAN WE USE WATER CANNONS IN THE PARADE?

ABSOLUTELY NOT. DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS - The Westerville Police and Rotary Parade Marshals will be monitoring all participants throughout the parade. Any group caught using water cannons will be asked to leave the parade.

IN THERE A WEBSITE THAT I CONTACT FOR HELP?

Yes, <https://westervillerotary.com>

WHERE SHOULD PARADE PARTICIPANTS BE DROPPED OFF?

All participants should enter via Thompson Road, off of County Line Road.



**2022 Westerville 4th of July Parade
Official Registration Form**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY - PLEASE USE A BLACK PEN TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

Organization Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City / State / Zipcode _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Evening) _____

Type of Organization

Civic ____ Church/Religious ____ Fraternal ____ Service Group ____ Neighborhood
____ Youth ____ Other ____

Commercial (\$125.00 Entry Fee*) ____ Political (\$125.00 Entry Fee*) ____

*After June 15, 2022 fee is \$150.00

Type of Entry

Float ____ Band ____ Bicycles ____ Motorcycles ____ Horses ____

Other _____

LENGTH OF PARADE ENTRY INCLUDING TOWING VEHICLE: _____ #Feet

Number of Vehicles _____ Number of Floats _____

Antique Vehicles: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

The Following Information will be used during the television broadcast:

Group Description (include at least 3 key points, i.e., what you do, who's in charge)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Float Description (Who is on it, who built it, how long it took to build etc)

Please return this form with FULL PAYMENT to:

4th of July Parade
Rotary Club of Westerville
P.O. Box 595
Westerville, Ohio 43086-0595

For More information:

<https://westervillerotary.com/july-4th-events/>

**Please make your check payable to
The Rotary Club of Westerville
Must be received by June 15th 2022**

Please read the following release before signing: In return for acceptance of registration fee, I, or myself, executor, administrators and assigns, hereby release and discharge the Rotary Club of Westerville, its members, their agents, the parade sponsors and all others associated with this event from any and all claims for damages, actions, demands, and injuries arising out of my participation in this event. I acknowledge all risks involved in participating in this event and state that I am physically fit to participate.

I agree that **NO CANDY** or other items will be thrown in the crowd and **NO WATER CANNONS** will be used by our group. Any registrant that does not keep the parade moving at a consistent pace may be removed by a Rotary Parade Marshal at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone # _____

Title/Organization _____

“Star-Spangled & Strong” 2022 Parade Theme