



You Matter 2 presents: The 2022 Homewood-Flossmoor Juneteenth Parade

PARADE PACKET

Application Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022, or until full

You are invited to participate in the inaugural Homewood-Flossmoor (HF) Juneteenth Parade to take place on Sunday, June 19th at 10:00 AM. Immediately following, the 2nd annual HF Juneteenth Festival will take place 11:00-6:30 PM at Homewood-Flossmoor High School South Parking Lot.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM: Parade Line-Up will begin
- 8:00 AM: Judging Begins
- 9:00 AM: Entries, judged or not, need to be in line
- 10:00 AM: Parade Begins
- 11:00 AM: Parade Ends

ENTRY FEES (Not refundable after Friday, April 1st)

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS with VEHICLE

*501(c)3 verification required

- *Tier 1: November 12th - December 31st: \$75*
 - *Entry fee allows for a truck and trailer or two classic cars. Each additional vehicle will be permitted at \$25 per vehicle.
- *Tier 2: January 1st - April 1st: \$125*
 - *Entry fee allows for a truck and trailer or two classic cars. Each additional vehicle will be permitted at \$40 per vehicle.

COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS with VEHICLE

- *Tier 1: November 12th - December 31st: \$100*
 - *Entry fee allows for a truck and trailer or two classic cars. Each additional vehicle will be permitted at \$60 per vehicle.
- *Tier 2: January 1st - April 1st: \$150*
 - *Entry fee allows for a truck and trailer or two classic cars. Each additional vehicle will be permitted at \$80 per vehicle.

WALKING GROUPS

Groups wanting to walk in the parade have an entry fee of **\$50**. *If you want to drive your own vehicle in the parade you will have to pay a regular entry fee as you will take up the space of regular entry.*

AWARDS

We encourage you to invest in a quality entry. Remember, parade floats and entries are excellent promotional/advertising opportunities for your organization and a great opportunity to show your support for Juneteenth and your community. **You will only be considered for judging if you have a float.**

Nonprofit & Commercial Prizes:

- 1st Place: \$500 and automatic free entry into the 2023 parade
- 2nd Place: \$250
- 3rd Place: \$125

***A MANDATORY Parade Orientation meeting for accepted applicants will be held for accepted entries, date *To Be Determined*.** A representative from each entry must attend one of these meetings and pick up signage, line-up position, and other necessary information. **If you miss attending at least one of these meetings, you will be out of the parade without a refund.**

GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INAUGURAL HF JUNETEENTH PARADE

****Please read the rules and guidelines in their entirety****

PARADE ENTRIES

1. **Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2022, or until the parade is full.** We encourage early applications.
2. Entries that do not primarily adhere to Juneteenth will be disqualified. Juneteenth decorated floats are highly encouraged and recommended and will make a lasting impression on the audience.
3. **The parade will not be used as a platform for special interests.** No literature or handouts are allowed. Political signs urging the election of any candidate for political office or any initiative will be allowed to appear in the parade, including signs appearing on any person, float, automobile, or any moving or stationary structure which is part of the parade. **No negative signs degrading opposing candidates, parties, or issues will be allowed.** Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation.
4. Parade entries and participants must be “family-friendly” and appropriate to be seen by all ages. Entry applications will not be accepted if HF Juneteenth Festival staff determines an entry to be controversial, unlawful, or inconsistent with the standards, theme, and purposes of Juneteenth. At any time after acceptance, an entry may not be allowed to participate in the parade if it deviates from the original application or violates any parade rule and will not be refunded.
5. Unusual or novel entries: Any request for entry in this category will be decided for compatibility and suitability for the holiday theme of the parade by the Juneteenth Staff.

DECORATIONS

6. Applicants are encouraged to build floats to showcase in the parade. A float is a trailer or vehicle-mounted platform bearing a fully decorated display that significantly modifies the appearance of the trailer or vehicle.
7. All parade entries must be fully and appropriately decorated for Juneteenth or the entry will be subject to exclusion from the parade with no reimbursement/refund.
As used herein “fully decorated” means:
 - Red, green, yellow, or black, skirting or Juneteenth themed skirting all the way around the trailer
 - Trailer wheels, hitches, boxes, etc. are covered completely to change the appearance of the vehicle
 - Signage on float/entry with lineup number of entry and/or name of entry“Appropriately decorated” means in conformity with your application, these guidelines, and passing the line-up inspection of Juneteenth Staff.
8. All entries must conform to community standards of taste and decorum.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. Participants who walk should be prepared to complete a 1-mile route in less than one hour. Walking youth groups must have one adult for every 6 youth participants.
2. **Giving out Candy or other items**– No loose candy allowed, all candy or other materials you plan to pass out must be packaged in a bag, submitted, and approved by the Juneteenth Parade Team prior to the event. No candy throwing will be permitted.
3. Animals participating in the parade must be harnessed or leashed. All animals must have protective footwear to protect them from the hot pavement in June heat.
4. No float or truck may exceed 12 feet in height or 10 feet in width. Floats must be capable of maneuvering around sharp turns and must clear all overhead obstacles.
5. HF Juneteenth Festival reserves the right to limit the number and the type of entries in the parade. The entry fee is not refundable after Friday, April 1st!
6. HF Juneteenth Festival must approve any variance from the parade application before the parade. Failure to get approval for changes may subject an entry, or any of its participants, to exclusion from the parade.
7. Each entry is solely responsible for the safety of its participants.
8. An executed Indemnity Form must be provided for your entry’s participants before the parade. Failure to provide an executed Indemnity Form may subject your entry, or any of its participants, to exclusion from the parade.
9. The Juneteenth Media Team will be at a designated location. Upon arrival at these intersections, each entry will be given 30-60 seconds (depending on each entry) to show off your float and/or perform for the media. The time limits will be adhered to in order to keep the parade moving at a speed that pleases the audience. All performances must conform to community standards of taste and decorum. Additional information on performance specifics will be discussed at the mandatory parade meeting.

10. Parade line-up will begin at the designated location TBA at 7:00 AM on Sunday, June 19, 2022. All entries will be approved or disapproved by representatives of the HF Juneteenth Festival during the judging segment of the lineup. All entries that have declared on their application a “judging category” AND attended the mandatory parade orientation meeting **MUST BE LINED UP AND READY TO BE JUDGED** by 8:00 A.M. Any entry not ready will be passed over and not judged.
11. Entries are judged on adherence to the theme, use of color and patriotic decorating, use of music, and group spirit and participation.
12. All entries, judged or not, need to be in line by 9 a.m. If you aren’t lined up by 9 a.m., you will be out of the parade without a refund.