

Founder's Day Parade 2021 "Be Your Own Superhero"

July 2, 2021

Dear Group Requesting Entry,

This year the parade will be held on Sunday, September 19th, 2021. Line-up will begin at 1:30pm and parade will kick off at 2:30pm. NEW THIS YEAR, parade line-up will take place at St. Andrews Church Parking lot (505 Kingston Dr.) and conclude at the Recreation Center (900 W. Romeo Rd). Immediately following the parade there will be food and family entertainment at Deer Crossing Park (1050 W. Romeo Rd) until 6:30pm. We encourage all citizens, clubs, organizations, and village departments to participate.

There is no fee to participate in the parade. All groups that turn in their entry form on time and are **not** requesting payment will be accepted into the parade. Any professional group requiring a fee to perform in the parade will be notified if they are accepted no later than September 1st.

The theme for this year is *Be Your Own Superhero*. Entries are encouraged to decorate their vehicle and dress for the theme. Awards will be given out based on group participation and effort in four categories: Best Theme, Best Overall Band, Judge's Choice and Mayor's Choice. Awards will be presented at the Village Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

In order to coordinate this event and keep all entries informed, please complete the enclosed entry form and return it ASAP, but no later than Sunday, August 29, 2021. If your application is late or incomplete it will not be processed.

All confirming information will be e-mailed and mailed by Friday, September 10, 2021. This information will contain your designated position for the parade, check in, street formation area, location, disbanding and all other parade information and guidelines.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the parade please feel free to contact me via phone at (815) 886-6222 or via e-mail at cproctor@romeoville.org.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!

Sincerely,



Cassandra Proctor
Program Supervisor



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Rules and Regulations

1. Parade line-up will begin **NO EARLIER THAN 1:30pm** (some entries may begin at 2:00pm). **More information will be in the confirmation packet.** The parade will start promptly at 2:30pm.
2. Units will disband at the end of the parade route. Participants are encouraged to be picked up immediately after the parade or continue on to Deer Crossing Park for the family event. More information regarding the end of parade will be sent out in the confirmation packets.
3. This year, awards will be given out based on group participation and effort in four categories: Best Theme, Best Overall Band, Judge's Choice and Mayor's Choice. Awards will be presented at the Village Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Paid entries are not eligible for awards.
4. All professional groups that require a fee to perform must have prior approval from the Romeoville Recreation Department and are not eligible for judging.
5. While in the parade, keep a distance of 10 feet from the unit in front of you at all times (keep up with pace). Please use discretion when sounding sirens, loud horns, etc.
6. Candy and trinkets may be handed out to spectators by walkers accompanying your entry. **Throwing candy and trinkets from vehicles along the parade route is not permitted.** Spectators are not allowed to approach the vehicle. For the public's safety we must enforce this rule. Violators will be asked to leave the parade and will not be eligible for judging.
7. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted during line up or during the parade. If alcohol is found you will be ejected from the parade, and if any appearance fee is required it will be forfeited.
8. Candidates running for office cannot use the words "Vote For" or any variation thereof on their float, vehicle, signs, etc. All candidates must accompany their respective entry.
9. No political, controversial statements, slogans, or jargon are allowed. The Romeoville Recreation Department will be the final judge and reserve the right to request removal of any such statements, slogans, or jargon.
10. All parade participants must remain with one entry. Participants may not move to another entry once the parade has started.
11. The 2021 Founder's Day Parade will be subject to all applicable State of Illinois guidelines issued for COVID-19, including but not limited to guidelines for social distancing, face coverings and hand sanitizing. Failure to comply with COVID-19 guidelines may result in ejection from parade and forfeiture of appearance fee.
12. **NEW IN 2021:** There will be a judges stand but parade entries will **NOT** stop to perform. Judging will be done as entries walk by. Please make sure you have easy-to-read signage showing your business/organization name.



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900 W. Romeo Road
Romeoville, IL 60446
(815) 886-6222

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Organization/Company/Group _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

I have read the attached rules and regulations for the Founder’s Day Parade and agree to the rules and terms set therein

Acknowledgement and Assumption of Responsibility

I have reviewed and understand the contents of this letter, including all COVID-19 guidelines referenced in this letter, and understand that I am responsible, on behalf of the organization or business that I represent or with which I am affiliated, to ensure that my organization or business and its members comply with all applicable State of Illinois guidelines, including but limited to the guidelines specifically referred to in this letter. I understand that all renters, parents/guardians, registrants and participants, including but not limited to my organization, are advised that all activities, events, rentals and uses are required by the State of Illinois to be conducted in accordance with the guidelines referenced in this letter or other State of Illinois guidelines issued from time to time. Guidelines may require face masks, hand washing/sanitizing, social distancing and daily or more frequent temperature taking. I acknowledge that the foregoing is my responsibility on behalf of or in association with my organization or business, and not the responsibility of the Village of Romeoville.

Signature _____ Date _____



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a) Does your entry require a fee to perform? Yes (\$ amount) _____ No _____

If yes, please describe the performance. *You will be contacted if fee is approved by 9/1

b) Will your entry be loud? (band, speaker, music, etc.) Yes ____ No ____

a. If yes, brief explanation: _____

c) Please describe the two vehicles that will be in your entry (type of vehicle, length, trailer?, etc.) **more vehicles may be allowed upon approval.

a. _____

b. _____

d) How many walkers will be in your entry: _____

e) Describe your entry in 50 words or less (this would be announced during the VORTV stream):

Please complete page 3 and 4 and return these forms as soon as possible. All entry forms must be in no later than Sunday, August 29, 2021. Late forms will not be accepted.

Return to: Romeoville Recreation Department
900 W. Romeo Rd
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Attn: Parade