

2017 Independence Day Parade FAQs

Plans are underway for the 2017 Fourth of July Orange Township Parade, and Celebrate Community would like to invite you to participate in this year's celebration! We'd love to have you participate, attend, volunteer or all of the above!

As a participant, the parade offers a unique opportunity for you to join other business owners, local nonprofits, government agencies and our schools in continuing a fun and memorable 11-year tradition for the residents of Lewis Center and Orange Township.

As a spectator, it is a fun, patriotic event to share with your family and friends! As a volunteer, you can help before, during or after the parade. It takes the effort of many volunteers to make this a successful event, and we are grateful to be a part of such a supportive community.

Frequently Asked Questions:

When and where will the parade take place?

This year's parade will be held on Tuesday July 4, 2017 beginning at 10 a.m. This year the parade will have a new route due to construction on Old State Rd. The parade will begin at Olentangy Orange High School off of Orange Rd, and end at the Alum Creek Water Center on Walker Wood Blvd.

How many people will attend this year's parade?

Parade attendance has grown each year, and we anticipate over 10,000 spectators in 2017.

Do you have to be a business to be a part of the parade?

No. The parade is open to anyone who would like to participate. The parade represents our area businesses, neighborhoods, elected officials, non-profits, schools, churches, sports teams, scout troops and more. All are welcome.

Do we have to have a float to participate?

Traditional parade floats are strongly encouraged, but patriotically decorated cars, wagons and vans are welcome. If you are with a group that has a banner, your group can walk while displaying the banner.

We'd like to make a float, but we don't know how. Do you have any suggestions?

Is there a fee?

With the exception of nonprofits, we do ask for a small entry fee to help offset the costs of security. The entry fees are as follows:

Businesses: \$75

Nonprofits: Free

Can our group or organization pass out candy?

Yes, **passing out** candy is encouraged and welcomed, **but throwing candy is not**. For safety reasons, we are asking groups to please hand candy to children as you walk by. We've had a few close calls in the past, so please help us keep this event fun and safe for all.

Other items - such as coupons, flyers, pencils, t-shirts, giveaways, etc. - are also encouraged. Get creative!