



# FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 Intent to Participate

**“FORT THOMAS...A WONDERFUL PLACE TO CALL HOME!”**

**ASSEMBLY TIME:** Will be Assigned

**PARADE TIME:** 10:30 a.m.

**ASSEMBLY PLACE:** Memorial Parkway from North Fort Thomas Ave. at Memorial Parkway (i.e. Inverness Split: Your Town Realtors/Marathon Gas Station)

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Providing us with your email address will allow us to confirm your parade entry registration, as well as allow us to provide up to date communication with you)**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards:** Trophies for Most Entertaining (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>), for Most Original (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>), and for Most Representing the Theme (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Remember, Music is a major factor in judges' decisions.**

**Type of unit:** Please give name and brief description of your unit (e.g., decorated float, musical unit, band, performing unit, vehicles, etc.) and estimated number of people, vehicles, animals, etc. so they can be identified easily by the judges.

Name and brief description \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Walkers: \_\_\_\_\_

Your description of the theme, design, materials, and decorations will help the judges perform their responsibilities. **Floats should reflect the parade theme and must follow the attached float policies and guidelines.**

**Questions? Call Linda Slone at 859-750-9532 or Jim Trauth at 859-992-1884**

Please return this form on or before **June 27, 2023**

with your \$35 check to:

**City of Fort Thomas**  
**130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue**  
**Fort Thomas, KY 41075**  
**C/O Melissa Beckett**  
[\*\*mbeckett@ftthomas.org\*\*](mailto:mbeckett@ftthomas.org)

\*Parade Entries received after the June 27th deadline will automatically be put in the last division.

\* After June 27th parade entries are not guaranteed a spot in the parade.

\*Absolutely no entries will be allowed to enter the parade the day of the event.

## NOTICE

By signing below, you acknowledge that your group will adhere to all of the guidelines and policies listed above and attached to this form. You are also validating that every motorized vehicle is legally registered and properly insured. To help offset increasing operating expenses, your voluntary **contribution of \$35 is appreciated.** Please make checks payable to the City of Fort Thomas. Thank you!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT PARADE INFORMATION

### Policies and Guidelines

- Stationary Dance Routines are limited to a max of 30 seconds per performance. Walking routines are preferred to keep the parade moving.
- Floats should not be wider than 10 feet and not powered by lawn mowers.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- All motorized vehicles and trailers must have current registration and insurance as required by law.
- Entries **MUST BE FAMILY ORIENTED**. The Parade Committee reserves the right to exclude any parade entry based on the description and/or up to the review of the entry the day of the parade.
- All horses must be diapered; clean up after all dogs or pets.
- Please do not allow anyone from the parade crowd to stop your group to pet any animals
- Please exercise caution when distributing candy, favors or drinks. Do NOT call kids over to your vehicle.
- Please do not spray the crowd with water (**No super soakers; Parade Director, City Officials and Public officials may remove you from the parade for noncompliance**).
- Please do not dangle feet off trailers and no one should be riding on any hitches of trailers.
- The parade committee will arrange floats based on entertainment, safety, and health as well as registration date of entry.
- Absolutely no entries will be allowed to enter the parade the day of the event.
- Sound system or live music is highly encouraged.
- Remember the theme – **“Ft. Thomas...a wonderful place to call home”**.
- Parade Directors have final discretion on all entries.

### Parade Line Up

- Please make sure you arrive as close to your assigned time as possible to be lined up for the parade (If you are late, you will be put at the back of the parade).
- Please enter from North Fort Thomas Avenue at Memorial Parkway ONLY (Inverness Split: Your Town Realtors/Sunoco Gas Station).
- As you are being lined up, keep your group, float, and vehicles to the side of the road (keep the center of the road open).
- Fort Thomas Ave. at Highland Avenue will be entirely closed after the Highland 3-way stop.
- Please no drop offs by car in the parade line up location (please park where allowed and walk to your parade float, car, group, etc.).
- Do NOT leave any gaps in the parade line. Keep up with the group in front of you.

### Judges

- The judges will be in front of the City Building located at 130 N. Ft. Thomas Ave.
- It is recommended that if you have music or a routine, etc. that you would like the judges to see, start your performance at Bluegrass Ave.

***FESTIVITIES BEGIN IN TOWER PARK AT 6:00 P.M.***