



City of Bridgeton
Parks & Recreation Dept. &
Bridgeton Special Events
Commission

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Dear Residents, Businesses, Friends and Neighbors,

The City of Bridgeton and its Special Events Commission invites you to join us for our annual July 4th Parade. Help us honor local healthcare heroes, our 2022 parade marshals, as we celebrate Independence Day.

Iconic America is the theme of Bridgeton's 4th of July parade. Meaning anything recognizable as, known for being from, or having character of America. This can be anything from images, music, inventions, monuments, celebrities, sports, or events that make you think of America. Break out your red, white, and blue and join us as a community. The winning float will be awarded a **\$250.00 cash prize**, and adult and children costume winners will be awarded a **\$25 gift card** each. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best float entries of the parade, and car show category. There are also awards for best decorated vehicles, walking performances and best equestrian appearance/performance as well. So be creative! Entry forms are available at the Bridgeton Recreation Center and online at www.bridgetonmo.com under the Community > Parks & Rec. tab.

We welcome floats, walking groups, marching bands, garage bands, musical groups, and neighbors who want to participate, compete, and be a part of our Bridgeton tradition. Entry in the parade is **FREE** which equates to free advertising for your school, organization, or business! To be eligible for a trophy, participants must adhere to the parade theme. Entry forms must be turned in to the Bridgeton Recreation Center no later than Wednesday, June 15, 2022. You will be notified via letter / email with your parade position on or about June 25, 2022.

Note: There is absolutely no alcohol consumption allowed in the parade procession.

The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4th. Please plan accordingly for the summer heat. We will do our best to provide water for marching participants throughout the parade; however, it is important to remind your participants to hydrate themselves. Portable toilets will be available at the staging area and on the corner of Majella and Natural Bridge.

Participants must line up no later than 9:30 a.m. along Benedetta and Avery Lane. Cars participating in the car show must assemble on Bain Court by 8:30 a.m. The cars will be judged at that time. The parade will launch on Benedetta, turn on to Tideland, turn on to Majella then on to Natural Bridge, ending at Target. For your convenience we are enclosing an entry form. Again, **no entry fee is charged**. Additional forms are available at the Bridgeton Recreation Center and the Bridgeton City website at www.bridgetonmo.com under the Community > Parks & Rec. tab.

Questions can be directed to: Matthew DeWitt (314-541-7400) or Angela Wright at the Bridgeton Recreation Center (314-739-5599).

We look forward to working with you!

Deliver in-person or mail the entry form to:
Bridgeton Recreation Center
July 4th Parade
4201 Fee Fee Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044



2022 BRIDGETON 4TH OF JULY PARADE *The Best of Bridgeton!*



GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

- **PARADE STAGING AREA:** The parade staging area will be located off Fee Fee Rd. on Avery Lane, Benedetta, and Bain Ct.
- **PARADE ROUTE:** Parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Lockport and Benedetta; proceed on Benedetta to Tideland to Majella. From Majella, turn left on to Natural Bridge Rd. and then continue west on Natural Bridge to the entrance of the Target/Machinist Hall parking lot. The parade will terminate at the east end of the Target parking lot.
- **DECORATIONS:** All mobile entries, car show vehicles and dignitaries' cars **MUST BE DECORATED**. Dignitaries must furnish a sign displaying their name and public office. Due to power line clearance, floats must be no higher than 12 feet and no wider than 10 feet.
 - Not for profit groups can submit receipts (no later than July 15, 2022) for reimbursement of up to \$100. This is on a first come first serve basis. We will not reimburse participants for the purchase of candy. **NOTE:** If your organization should win first place, you will forfeit any reimbursement and just receive the \$250 prize money.
- **JUDGING:** Additional consideration will be given to entries that adhere to the parade theme and incorporate music to the entry. *It is important to note that only entries registered in the application for judging will be judged.* The judging grandstand will be located at the old city hall building at 11955 Natural Bridge Rd.
- **CANDY/GIVE AWAY ITEMS:** For safety reasons, candy/give away items should be handed out, not thrown.
- **PARTICIPANTS:** Please stay in the order you have been assigned by the parade committee. Your assigned participant number (provided by parade organizers) must be clearly displayed in the front left of your entry (ex. front left of a banner or front left of a vehicle window).
- **GAPS:** To facilitate the flow of the parade, please minimize the space between you and the group in front of you.
- **OPERATORS OF VEHICLES:** Drivers must be at least 19 years of age and must adhere to the Missouri Motor Vehicle Driving laws.
- **SOUND SYSTEMS:** The use of any type of sound equipment must be indicated on parade applications. **MUSIC WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR ENTRY!**
- **FLYERS OR ADVERTISEMENTS:** These items are allowed on vehicles, but may not be passed out by any person or organization in the parade. Give-a-way's, which have endorsements, are permitted. These include things such as: water bottles with custom labels, candy, toys, pens, coupons, etc.
- **CAR SHOW PARTICIPANTS:** Assemble on Bain Court by 8:30 a.m.. The cars will be judged at that time.
- **WATER:** All groups are responsible for providing their own water. It is important to remind your participants to hydrate themselves throughout the parade.
- **MEETING PLACE:** Please designate a meeting place other than the Bridgeton Recreation Center. We have no way of getting people that are left behind to their position in line and will be closing the doors at 9 a.m.
- **EQUESTRIAN AND HORSE DRAWN UNITS:** Equestrian and horse drawn units being judged must adhere to the parade theme or the patriotic spirit of America. All units must also provide their own **CLEAN-UP CREW** to follow directly behind their entries and also clean up at their assembly points. Any equestrian Unit without a clean-up crew will not be allowed to participate.
- **WEATHER:** In the event of inclement weather, please refer to the web page www.bridgetonmo.com.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday June 15, 2022
If received after June 15th, you may participate however, will not be judged.