



Northland Community Fourth of July Parade

P.O. Box 297836 • Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear Parade Participant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the **2009 Northland Community Fourth of July Parade**. A Fourth of July Parade has been an annual tradition here in the Northland area for 46 years, starting in Forest Park in 1963. In 1966, the Northland Jaycees started their own Northland Parade on July 4. These two events merged in 1987 and the Parade was sponsored in subsequent years by the Northland Jaycees, Forest Park and the village of Minerva Park. In 2001, the Northland Community Council (NCC) assumed responsibility for the event from the Jaycees.

As it has for several years, the 2009 Parade will start near the intersection of Morse and Karl Roads at **11:00 am on Saturday, July 4**, and travel 1.7 miles north on Karl to its intersection with East Dublin Granville Road (SR-161). The last Parade entry will complete the route at about 12:30 pm. As always, we anticipate this year's Parade will include a military flyover, marching bands, fire and other emergency vehicles and floats and entries from a variety of communities and organizations throughout Northland.

I'm very pleased to announce that Columbus' recently appointed **Chief of Police Walter L. Distelzweig** has agreed to be the Grand Marshal of this year's Parade! We will also be featuring the Northland High School Vikings Basketball Team, winners of the 2009 Division I – State Basketball Championship.

Unlike some NCC events that require just a handful of dedicated volunteers, the Fourth of July Parade requires a small army to help plan and execute it. We have room for volunteers at every level, of every age, and with virtually every skill and talent, both before the event and on July 4. We hope to involve residents from all parts of NCC's 26 square mile service area, in order to reflect that **this is truly our Community Parade**.

Following this letter is this year's parade application. Please fill it out as completely as possible, sign it, and mail it back to the address indicated. You can also fax the application to 614-423-7271. You will receive a confirming letter with information about parade day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at **614-478-8469** or e-mail me at **northlandparade2009@mync.org**.

I look forward to your participation in this year's parade.

Sincerely,

Steve Thompson

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Chairman, 2009 Northland Community Fourth of July Parade



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2009 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Sponsored by:

The Northland Community Council

Start date and time:

Saturday, July 4, 2009 at 11:00 A.M.

This year's parade theme:

Northland: Working, Sharing & Protecting!

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type of Organization:

Fraternal:

Service Group:

Church/Religious:

Civic Association:

Other:

Youth Group:

Commercial: (\$50.00 Entry Fee*)

Political: (\$100 Entry Fee*)

(Describe) _____

** Entry fees are not refundable*

Group Description:

Please describe your group: what you do, who is in charge, etc. This information may be used by the Master of Ceremonies at the reviewing stand in front of the YMCA on Karl Road to announce and describe your group. Make sure that your organization name above is spelled out *exactly* as you want the MC to announce your parade entry. If your organization wishes to have multiple entries in the Parade, please complete a separate entry form for each group.

Vehicles: The Parade Committee needs to plan for parking for parade vehicles prior to the start of the Parade. It is very important that we know the number and type (s) of vehicle(s) in your group. NOTE: All vehicles must be insured.

Groups: (Please check the appropriate group)

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| Band | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bicycles | <input type="checkbox"/> | Motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> | Horses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> | Antique Cars/Trucks | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kids/Children | <input type="checkbox"/> | Honor Guard | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | NCC Members | <input type="checkbox"/> | Politicians | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire Dept. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Police Dept. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Churches | <input type="checkbox"/> | Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sports Teams | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pets | <input type="checkbox"/> | Clowns | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | (Describe) _____ | | | | | |

Additional Information:

Is there anything unique about your group or Parade entry that we need to know (preferred location in the Parade, etc.)?

The Parade Committee appreciates your participation in this year's parade and Fourth of July celebration. Guidelines of where and when to assemble, a map of the staging area and Police and traffic considerations will be sent to you prior to the parade.

Political and Commercial Entrants:

There is a \$100.00 entry fee for **Political** parade entries and a \$50.00 entry fee for **Business/Commercial** entries. Please make your check payable to the **Northland Community Council** and mail it with your entry form to the address shown below. *Entry fees are not refundable nor tax deductible as a charitable contribution.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Group Leader)

Please return this entry form, together with the attached Waiver of Liability, to:

Northland Community Fourth of July Parade
5489 Crawford Dr., Columbus, OH 43229-4121
or by FAX to (614) 423-7271

Entry forms returned without a signed Waiver of Liability will not be processed.

Call with questions: (614) 478-8469

Deadline for entry is June 22, 2009



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PLEASE NOTE: This form must be signed by an officer, director or other individual authorized to enter into a legal agreement on behalf of your organization and returned with your Parade Entry Form to permit your organization's participation in the Parade!

Waiver of Liability

The Northland Community Fourth of July Parade is a public event taking place upon the streets of the city of Columbus. Though every effort is made to ensure the safety of all participants, a participant organization and its members must agree to assume all risk of property damage, personal injury or death, to themselves or others, inherent in any outdoor activity on a public street.

In consideration of its participation in the Northland Community Fourth of July Parade, the undersigned participant organization, on its own behalf and on behalf of its members, agrees to waive any liability against, indemnify and hold harmless the Northland Community Council and its committee members, officers, agents, employees, representatives and assigns, from and against any liability, loss, costs, demand, claims, fines, debts, or judgments that participant or participant members, performers, employees, independent contractors and/or volunteers may sustain or incur as a result of or arising from participant's involvement in the Northland Community Fourth of July Parade, such indemnification to include reasonable attorney fees. Participant organization represents that all motorized vehicles used by it and its members in the Parade will be insured, to include at least state minimum liability coverage.

Participant organization and members also stipulate that the Northland Community Council and its committee members, officers, agents, employees, representatives and assigns have made no representations, promises or guarantees regarding parade positions or preferential treatment of any kind.

By signing this waiver of liability, the undersigned agrees that he/she has read and understands all of the foregoing and agrees that the participant organization and its members will comply with all Parade rules, regulations and decisions.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Title _____

Participant Organization: _____