

**Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce**  
*Presents*



**2017**  
**GRAND OLD FOURTH**  
**PARADE**

**1967 - 2017**

*It's A Blast From the Past!*

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Chamber of Commerce producing the Grand Old 4th of July, so we're celebrating accordingly! Parade entrants are encouraged to channel the good old days and incorporate the year of 1967 into their parade units.

**NEED SOME IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED?** Films such as **Cool Hand Luke** and **Casino Royale** made their debut in 1967; the Beatles released **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**; **Hair** debuted off-Broadway; **Mod fashion trends** dominated the runway; and **fondue** was the sweet-heart party food of the decade. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

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**Parade Entry Guidelines**

**Please decorate all people, animals, bikes, cars, trucks, flatbeds etc. in your entry**

- 1. PARADE STANDARDS:** The 4th of July Parade Committee reserves the right to bar from the parade, either at assembly, or any time during the parade, any entrant not conforming to these rules, or judged to be not in good taste, or not meeting safety standards, or refusing to follow the instructions of the Police or Parade Officials.
- 2. DEADLINE & ENTRY FEE:** **Before Fri. June 23**, Commercial & political \$40, Other \$30. No cost for military entrants. After June 23, entries must be delivered in person to the Chamber of Commerce office and will be charged an extra \$5.00. Entries received after June 23 will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be read by the announcer.
- 3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** Maximum number of participants for any one entry shall be limited to 60 total members walking, escorting or riding.
- 4. PERFORMING UNITS:** Timing of a performance is critical for parade safety. Units must not cause gaps to occur in the parade. You must keep pace with the parade. You will be allowed one 60 second performance in front of each parade announcer stand along the parade route (total of 3).
- 5. ANIMAL UNITS:** Each animal unit must furnish a clean-up crew, equipped with appropriate tools. They must follow directly behind the horse and/or animal unit and clean up as quickly as possible. Please bring water for your animals.

- 6. VEHICLES AND FLOATS:** All vehicles must be in good mechanical condition and mufflers in good repair. ALL FLOATS MUST CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:
- A. Entry over 30 feet must have one (1) person on each side to walk with the entry to keep pedestrians from entering the traffic pattern.
  - B. Entry over 50 feet must have two (2) people on each side to walk with the entry to keep pedestrians from entering the traffic pattern.
  - C. For reasons of safety and liability, **THROWING OF CANDY, MERCHANDISE, WATER BALLOONS, OR USE OF SQUIRT GUNS OR SOAKERS, ETC. IS NOT ALLOWED FROM FLOATS OR VEHICLES DURING THE PARADE.** Any entry doing so will be removed from the parade and will not be allowed to participate. Walking entrants escorting units may distribute items, hand-to-hand only, NO THROWING.
- 7. TIME AND STAGING AREA:** Parade placement will be available only on July 4 upon check in. One member of your group must check in at the Registrar's Desk at the Bainbridge Island Library between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. to sign in and pick up your Parade Permit and Entry Number. A Parade Official will direct you to your place in the parade staging area. Staging Areas are labeled "A", "B", "C" and "D". The parade begins at 1 pm. Be in position with all participants by 12:30 pm.
- 8 PARADE PERMIT:** YOUR PARADE PERMIT SHOULD BE VISIBLY DISPLAYED ON THE LEFT FRONT OF YOUR ENTRY. The Parade Permit allows Parade Officials and the Review Stand to easily identify your entry.
- 9. DISBANDING AREA:** For safety reasons, all units and riders on all floats must remain in position or on floats until the end of the parade route. No units may stop until after the following designated areas:
- A. CHILDREN'S UNITS walking or riding, make sure someone is available to help children quickly and safely off the floats.
  - B. POLICE, LARGE VEHICLES and FIRE TRUCKS - go straight on Winslow Way to Highway 305.
  - C. CARS, floats, classic cars and other entries - turn left on Erickson Avenue.
- 10. ALL ENTRIES:** All entrants must sign the indemnity agreement on the Parade Entry Application.

### **Again This Year! \$1,000 for the Most Humorous Parade Entry!**

This award is made possible by the generosity of John Ellis and Frank Buxton, members of the EDGE Improv group and veteran Grand Old Fourth parade announcers. Ellis and Buxton will decide the winner. If the winning entry is a non-profit organization, it may keep the money. If the winning entry is not a non-profit organization, it will donate the money to the Kitsap County non-profit organization of its choice, designated on the parade application. Remember the VW bus toaster? Get creative and join the fun!

**PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**

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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**GRAND OLD FOURTH 2017**  
PARADE APPLICATION

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To ensure your place in the 2017 Parade, please complete **both** sides and return **original** to the address below by **Friday, June 16**. After June 16, entries must be delivered in person to the Chamber of Commerce Office and will be charged an extra \$5.00. Late entries will be placed at the end of the parade and will not read by the announcer.

Return to: Bainbridge island Chamber of Commerce, 395 Winslow Way E, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.  
Phone - (206) 842-3700

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

I am applying for: (circle one) **Commercial & Political - \$40.00** **Other - \$30.00** **Military - no charge**

Group/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (we will use this to contact you) \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**For-profit organizations: If I win the award for Most Humorous Entry, please donate my winnings to the following Kitsap County non-profit:**

**THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED TO PARTICIPATE**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_, the applicant(s) agree to save, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, its officers and directors, employees, volunteers and their families, from any loss of life, bodily injury, personal injury or property damage caused by the operation, and/or behavior of my/our parade entry, vendor booth, or any involvement in connection with festival activities, and parade.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company and policy number of parade vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Description of parade vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

# 2017 GRAND OLD FOURTH PARADE PARADE ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION

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**GROUP/ORGANIZATION NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF UNIT: (Check all that apply)**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle/Float         | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Unit (describe in box below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Bike        | <input type="checkbox"/> Band/Musical group         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe in info box below)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching/Walking Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy/Novelty             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse/Animal Unit     | <input type="checkbox"/> Music/loud noise with unit |  |

**ENTRY SIZE:** Length of entire Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
**AVE. AGE OF PEOPLE:** Years old \_\_\_\_\_  
**APPROX. NUMBER IN GROUP:** # walking \_\_\_\_\_ # riding \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this Unit combined or linked with another entry?** Yes No  
If yes, complete full name of the other entry \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

To be used by the parade announcer when you pass by the reviewing stand.

Information outside of this space will not be announced

**When writing your comments:**

For best likelihood of being read correctly by the announcers please:

- ◆ Use bullet points (5 or less) & 50 words or fewer (total)
- ◆ Place in order of importance
- ◆ Make it legible
- ◆ We reserve the right to edit

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