Float Information
As many of you are aware, space in the downtown area has become limited. For this reason, some groups, agencies, etc. that have been with us for years may be denied access into this year’s parade. We will EMPHASIZE on the CREATIVITY of this year’s entries to make our decision.

A float for the purpose of this parade is defined as any entry that moves along with or pulled by another vehicle and consists of any trailer with a flatbed. The length and width of the flatbed and/or trailer must be included on your entry form. Floats can be no more than 11 feet in height.

- Decorated pickup trucks, vans, vehicles, etc. are not considered floats.

Parade Entry Limitations:
- Cars & Pickup Trucks: Limited to 2 per entry
- Motorized Vehicle Clubs: Limited to 5 per entry
- Buses: Limited to 1 per entry
- Vessels: 1 vessel per entry

- Permission may be granted for any additional vehicles, buses, cars in clubs, motorcycles, and must be granted prior to submitting your entry form

Entries must NOT STOP to perform during the Parade unless the Parade has come to a standstill. Entrants MUST keep moving at all possible times.

It is the City’s purpose to make this parade an expression of pride and community spirit of the beach’s residents. Therefore, it is understood that all units must be decorated in a tasteful manner.

If you have any questions, please call the Parks & Recreation office 904.247.6236
**Rules & Regulations**

The following regulations shall apply to the Beaches Parade 2018 for the purpose of controlling traffic and pedestrian congestion as well as providing for the health, safety and general welfare of the public:

The Parade shall be conducted along the route specified by the Parade Committee.

*North on Second St. from Beach Blvd. to 11th Ave. N then East to 1st St. then South on 1st St. N to Beach Blvd.*

The Parade starts at 2:00 pm.

- No Parade participant shall carry arms or other weapons (or facsimiles thereof unless used in simulation as part of your entry), nor bricks, bats, sticks, rocks, bottles, water guns, or other items that could be used as weapons. NOTE: This requirement shall not apply to drill teams, honor guards, or other participants representing official units of government.

- No Parade participant shall drink alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of any intoxicating beverage or drugs.

- Materials used in the construction of floats in the parade shall be of fire-retardant materials and shall be subject to the requirements concerning fire safety as may be determined by the City of Jacksonville Beach’s Fire Chief.

- Once commenced, the Parade SHALL NOT STOP along the parade route, but shall continue to move at a fixed rate of speed, and any willful delay or stopping of said parade (except when reasonably required for the safe and orderly conduct of the parade), shall constitute a violation of these regulations, AND WILL BE REMOVED.

- Literature, publications, leaflets, other written materials, souvenirs or giveaways may be distributed or handed out along the parade route by a walking participant from your entry. Silly string, throwing or tossing of any items (including candy) is strictly prohibited, and if found in violation, your unit will be removed from the Parade by the Police Department.

- In no event shall speeches, rallies, etc. be conducted in the public streets or along the sidewalks of the City.

- The Contact Person listed on your entry form shall be designated as the “person in charge”. Someone MUST stay with your vehicle.

- Entry into the Staging Areas will be by parking pass only which shall be placed on the front dashboard of your vehicle with the City Seal & Group # showing. No extra passes will be given out after deadline.

**Parade Information**

The City of Jacksonville Beach Welcomes you once again to be a part of our 72nd Annual Beaches Parade. Please read the following information carefully as we want to ensure smooth sailing for everyone.

**DEADLINE** for all Parade Entry Forms/Applications is Friday, March 30, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.

*This deadline is necessary due to the lining up and preparing all of the paperwork.

**FEES & FORMS:** The official “Beaches Festival Parade Entry Form’ must be completed in full and returned to the Parks & Recreation Department, along with your Entry Fee of $200.00. No charge for non-profit/non-commercial organizations.

Cash, checks or money orders are accepted. Please make check or money order payable to City of Jacksonville Beach. Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the Parks & Recreation Department located at:

2508 South Beach Parkway, Jacksonville Beach FL 32250

*Refunds will be given 10 days prior to Parade if entry is deemed to be inappropriate by the Parade Committee.

**LINEUP:** We will make every effort to rotate last year’s participants with the exception of our Honor Guard, Police, Fire/Rescue and other VIP’s designated by the Parks & Recreation Department. There is no guarantee of any rotations.

**Entry Application:** The decision of the Parade Committee is final. Upon arrival at the Staging Areas, entries not fitting the description per application may be prohibited from participation.

**Waiver of Liability:** All applicants MUST sign the Waiver of Liability in order for your entry to be accepted.

- Inappropriate conduct is a basis for automatic disqualification and removal from the Parade.

- The Parade Committee, Staff or Law Enforcement Officials will make the final determination.

- The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse any unit for safety, rules violations or aesthetic reasons.

**PARTICIPANTS MAY BEGIN LINING UP AT 10:00 am**

**BUT MUST BE IN PLACE BY 12:30 pm AS STREETS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE**

**NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN AFTER 12:30 pm**

Please allow extra time due to traffic