

# 2019 Blossom Time Parade Application

Presented by the Chagrin Valley Jaycees:



# Blossom Time Festival Parade Application and Information

On Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Chagrin Valley Jaycees will present the annual Blossom Time Parade, celebrating its 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. This event is traditionally the climax of the Blossom Time Festival, held during Memorial Day weekend, in picturesque Chagrin Falls. It has become one of the finest and most colorful parades in the greater Cleveland area.

This celebration was held annually in Chagrin Falls prior to World War II and was revived by the Chagrin Valley Jaycees over 60 years ago with great success. Bands, floats, fire engines, marching units, and antique cars from all over the state of Ohio have been among the featured attractions in past years. Previous years' parades have charmed an estimated 60,000 spectators, and a similar crowd is expected for 2019!

We cordially invite you to help make this the most memorable parade in the history of Blossom Time by entering a float, marching band, color guard, drill team, or other parade display. The float limitations are few; they must not exceed 13 feet in height or 10 feet in width. We ask you to use your creativity and imagination to support this year's theme...

**Celebrating Chagrin Falls' 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Past, Present, and Future – 175 Years Strong**

If you would like to participate in this great event, simply fill out the enclosed entry form and return it with payment by the deadline on the parade detail sheet. If you would like additional information, please contact the Jaycees:

Chagrin Valley Jaycees  
Attention: Parade Committee  
PMB # 305  
46 Shopping Plaza  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022

FAQ's and info are on the web at [www.cvjc.org](http://www.cvjc.org)

You may also email [info@cvjc.org](mailto:info@cvjc.org), call the Jaycee hotline at 440-247-1004 or call parade chairmen Joe Constant at 440-708-4799 or Andy Hitchcock at 440-339-6943.



**Blossom Time Festival Parade**  
Past, Present, and Future – Still Going Strong  
Happy 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Chagrin Falls!

<b>Parade Date</b>	Sunday, May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
<b>Assembly Time</b>	12:30 PM, sharp!
<b>Assembly Area</b>	Chagrin Falls High School, one mile east of the center of town, located at 400 East Washington Street (see attached map for exact location.)
<b>Parking</b>	Buses may discharge passengers and park either in the assembly area or in the parking lot downtown at the end of the parade route. <b>Private autos</b> may pass through the assembly areas to drop off parade participants but <b>may NOT park at the assembly area or St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Violators will be towed.</b>
<b>Awards</b>	The parade will be judged at the reviewing stand (in Triangle Park, at the end of the parade route). Winning units in the categories listed on the registration form will be notified by mail in the week following the parade. If your group wins a category, and you would like a trophy, please email <a href="mailto:info@cvjc.org">info@cvjc.org</a> or call 440-247-1004. Trophies will only be furnished to groups that acknowledge they would like one.
<b>Special Notes</b>	Units should keep moving, but not so quickly as to crowd the unit ahead of them. Please keep 40-50 feet behind the unit you follow. All drills must be completed in a forward motion to expedite movement of the parade. Majorettes must also keep a forward motion in front of the judges' stand. <b>No stopping!</b> To be fair to units that adhere to this rule, the judges will automatically disqualify violators.
<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Friday, May 17, 2019
<b>Fees</b>	<b>See application for entry fees</b>



2019 Parade Application

Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_
Contact & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
Tax ID number (for tax exempt non-profit organizations): \_\_\_\_\_
Length of float in feet & anticipated number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_
A little information about your organization (for the parade announcer) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Type

1. Marching Units and Marching Bands

\_\_\_\_\_ Drill/Dance Team \_\_\_\_\_ Marching Band \_\_\_\_\_ Drum Corps

2. Floats

\_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Incorporates Theme (Y / N)

3. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

All judged units are eligible for the following:

- Grand Marshal's Trophy (Best Overall Entry that incorporates the parade theme)
• Mayor's Trophy (Best Overall Entry)
• Festival Trophy (First Runner-Up)

Fees (For a single entry) \*\*

- Private businesses, for-profit organizations, and general public: \$400 for a car- or van-sized vehicle, \$500 for large truck-sized vehicles (with or without a trailer); \$200 for thematic, decorated floats. If you are bringing more than one car or truck, you will be charged for each vehicle.
• Politicians, elected officials, and candidates running for public office (whether walking or riding in a car): \$600 per single entry
• School-sponsored groups (marching bands, alumni, sports teams, etc.), public safety, military organizations (active or retired), neighborhood/community organizations, and private non-profit charitable organizations (must provide tax ID number for verification of non-profit status): Free

\*\* A "single entry" is defined by the Parade Committee as one float, car/truck, or marching unit. An example of a single entry would be a marching band or community group. An example of multiple entries would be a community group entering two cars/floats, or multiple groups entering together under one application.

The Jaycees reserve the right to deny entry to the parade to any applicants that do not adhere to parade policies, or are offensive, obscene or unsafe. By signing this form, you agree that you have read the Blossom Time parade policies and will abide by all rules and regulations set forth.

By entering the parade, the applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Chagrin Valley Jaycees harmless from any claim, demand or liability whatsoever arising out of the conduct or actions, at any time, of the parade applicant, its agents, employees or participants. If any criminal or civil suit is brought naming the Jaycees or any of its Officers, Directors or members as defendants, and/or the parade applicant, then the applicant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Jaycees.

Agreed:
Signature..... Print Name..... Date.....



### IMPORTANT PARADE POLICIES

**1. By entering the parade, the applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Chagrin Valley Jaycees and Chagrin Valley Jaycee Charitable Foundation harmless from any claim, demand or liability whatsoever arising out of the conduct or actions, at any time, of the parade applicant, its agents, employees or participants. If any criminal or civil suit is brought naming the Jaycees, Jaycee Foundation, or any of its Officers, Directors or members as defendants, and/or the parade applicant, then the applicant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Jaycees and Jaycee Foundation.**

2. This is a family event. Parade entries (including but not limited to trucks, floats, cars/motorcycles, and individuals) of an obscene, offensive, unsafe or harassing nature will not be permitted. Refunds will not be issued for any entry removed from the parade, whether due to obscenity, spectator safety, or violation of parade policy.

3. We emphasize the importance of listing both the dimensions of your unit and the number of people included on your entry form. This will enable us to organize the parade line-up prior to the event and will allow us ample time to inform you of your tentative placement in advance of the parade.

4. For those of you driving dignitaries, please allow them to disembark at the reviewing stand at Triangle Park, just across from First Federal of Lakewood. If your group contains small children, please make sure to inform us.

5. For the safety of participants and spectators, the Village of Chagrin Falls and the Chagrin Valley Jaycees discourage children from running into the street to retrieve candy being distributed by parade participants.

**Candy and other items distributed from parade vehicles and floats must be distributed by hand by individuals walking the parade route.**

**THE SAFETY OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. The deliberate or accidental encouragement of spectators to come into the street or approach floats for any reason will result in the offending parties being removed from the parade and excluded from future events.**

6. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in, around or on any moving vehicle will not be tolerated. Such activity is illegal and is in violation of parade policy as well. Drivers are responsible for the conduct of those in their vehicles, as well as those on floats. Police monitor the parade and may perform random roadside sobriety checks.

7. The Blossom Time Parade is a celebration with a purpose. Please show your pride and support by embracing the theme by decorating your unit or float. We encourage entrants to use "Past, Present, and Future – Still Going Strong Happy 175th Anniversary, Chagrin Falls!" as the central theme of their float.

8. All parade entrants must submit an application to participate in the parade. All applications must be accompanied by full payment in order to be processed. Applications without payment will not be considered.

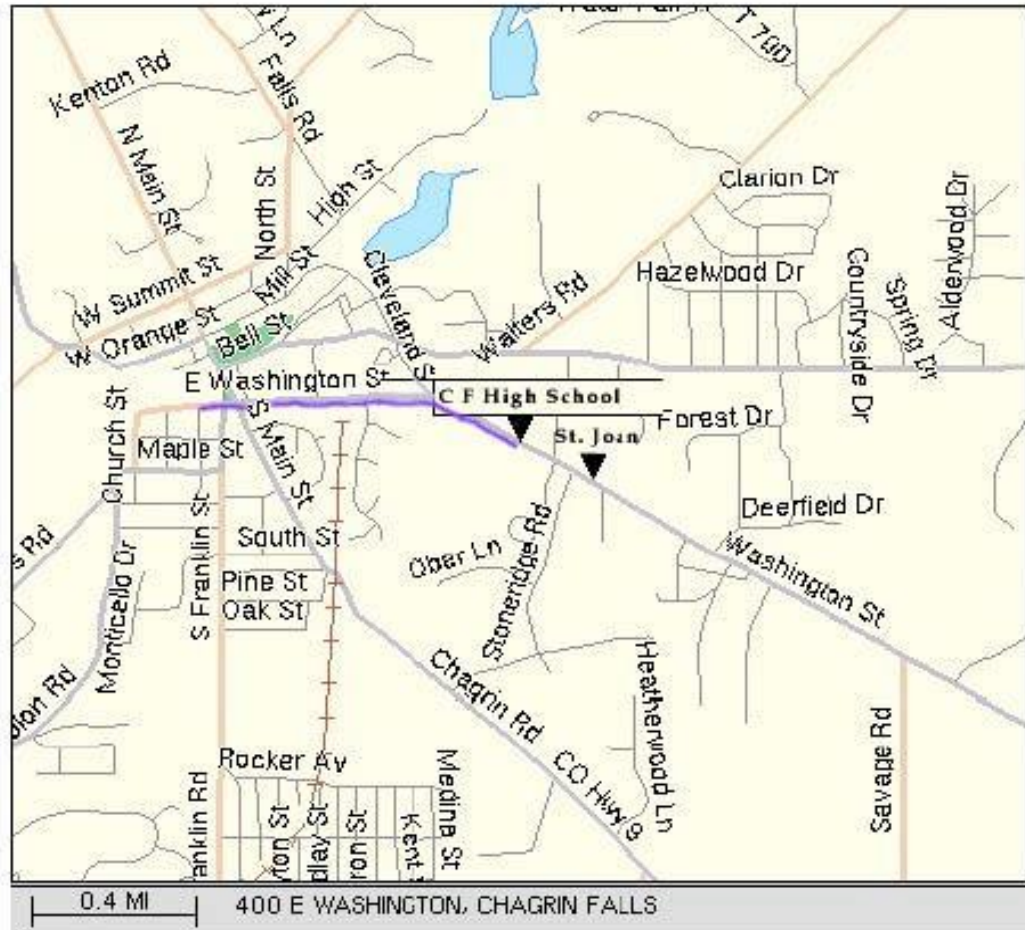
9. The Jaycees will not supply any candy or a car/convertible to parade guests. Should you choose to distribute anything to parade spectators or wish to ride down the parade route in a car, participants must plan accordingly and come prepared.

10. The front of the parade is reserved for color guards, police, fire departments and EMS. All other entries will be assigned a spot at the parade committee's discretion, generally in the order the applications are received.

11. Drivers of vehicles and floats shall continue to move forward and advance down the parade route so there are no gaps between parade entries. Deliberately stopping or excessive slowing to allow extra space in front of their entry will be grounds for removal from the parade.



## Blossom Time Parade Map



**Parade route designated in purple** Staging area: Chagrin Falls High School

East Washington Street will be closed 30 minutes before the start of the parade.

**Please arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Parade will start at 2:00 p.m., but with hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators, traffic always becomes an issue. To help control the chaos, we will issue your parade entry a number. Upon arrival at the high school, please go to your numbered location and allow units behind you to continue on to their numbered locations.**