



Pleasantville 4th of July Parade General Rules and Guidelines

July 2016

The Pleasantville 4th of July parade celebrates our country's Independence Day with a parade that provides patriotism, entertainment, community spirit, and fun for all ages to enjoy.

Parade Entry Requirements and Selection:

- All parade entries are encouraged to showcase the parade theme: Freedom, Family, Faith, and Fun or any form of Independence and patriotism of the USA.
- Parade entries **MUST** be "family friendly" and appropriate to be seen by all ages.

Entry Application Form:

- All parade participants are encouraged to complete the Parade Entry Form
- Entry forms are available at www.PleasantvilleChamber.org.
- Parade organizers reserve the right to reject any entry at any time.

Cancellation:

- Only a significant act of nature will cancel the parade, of which all entries will be notified as early as possible.
- If for some unforeseen circumstance that your entry is not able to participate in the parade after submitting your application, you must contact the Pleasantville Chamber by e-mail at director@PleasantvilleChamber.org prior to July 4, 2016.

Parade FLOAT Judging:

- Entries **MUST** be received by June 20, 2016
- Numbered entry placement signs will be provided at check-in on the day of the parade for FLOAT entries.
- A panel of community judges will judge all qualifying entries for the \$500 Judges Choice award.
- Ballots for the People's Choice category will be handed out prior to the parade to spectators along the parade route, at the parade line-up, and at various locations in downtown Pleasantville.
- Ballot collection for the People's Choice category will be collected during the parade after the **LAST** qualified FLOAT has passed through the parade, at parade line-up, and at the Pleasantville downtown square immediately following the parade.
- Parade FLOAT winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m. at the Cora Shadle Memorial Park in Pleasantville, Iowa.

Floats:

- FLOATS are required to be decorated. Decorations can include balloons, streamers, flags, buntings, fringe, tassels, chicken wire stuffed with tissue, cardboard, plastic, vinyl and other materials or structures that can withstand movement through the parade route.
- FLOATS may be built on a flat bed trailer, hay rack, wagon, or other wheeled structure.
- FLOATS should have skirting.
- The float should showcase the parade theme, or independence and patriotism of the USA.

Golf Carts, ATV, 4 Wheelers, Go-karts:

- All **MUST** be clean and decorated.
- Riders **under age 16 MUST wear helmets**.
- Children **under age 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult** riding on same vehicle.
- Engines **MUST** remain OFF until directed by parade staff.
- Golf carts, ATVs, 4 wheelers, and go-karts, etc. will only be allowed on city streets immediately prior to, during, and immediately after the parade. The local Police department has indicated **there will be NO exceptions**.
- Any participant can be turned away at anytime, including during the parade.
- **There will be no exceptions or leniency to these guidelines.**



Freedom, Faith, Family & Fun

Pleasantville is a strong, vibrant community that honors everything that makes America great. Freedom, through sacrifice, is our opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As a community, we have faith in our future, strong family values, and celebrate the fun we have together. In recognition of these values, the theme for the 2016 Pleasantville 4th of July Parade is **Freedom, Faith, Family & Fun**.

Everyone is invited to participate, including marching bands, cars, tractors, floats, etc. Line up will begin at 10:00 a.m. on July 4th at the Middle School parking lot, and the parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. **All participants should pre-register**, using the form below. For more, please visit our web site at <http://www.PleasantvilleChamber.org/4thOfJuly> for General Rules and Guidelines for parade entries.

For the third year in a row, the Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce is encouraging float entries by awarding a **\$500** first place prize for the **FLOAT** that receives the most votes in the **Judge's Choice** category. We will also be offering a **\$200** prize again this year for the **FLOAT** that receives the most votes in the **People's Choice** category. Ballots will be handed out prior to parade to spectators for the **People's Choice** category. Ballots will be collected after the last **FLOAT** in the parade, you may also vote at the square downtown immediately following the parade or online at www.PleasantvilleChamber.org/4thOfJuly. The winner will be announced at 5:00 p.m. at Cora Shadle Memorial Park.

Entries must be received by June 20th for parade **FLOATS** to be eligible for the **People's Choice** and **Judge's Choice** prizes. For a complete list of Parade Rules and Guidelines, visit our web site at www.PleasantvilleChamber.org/4thOfJuly.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Only one **FLOAT** per entry form.
- All entries must be registered by **June 20th** to be eligible for **Judge's Choice** and **People's Choice** prizes.
- **FLOATS MUST BE DECORATED!** Our parade is a celebration of our Freedom, Faith, Family and Fun.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY JUNE 20, 2016 TO:

Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 672
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(Or you may scan the form and e-mail to Director@PleasantvilleChamber.org.)

For questions, please contact Don Dursky at (515) 975-2052 or by e-mail at Director@PleasantvilleChamber.org.

ENTRANT INFORMATION

Contact Person(s):

Group or Business:

Address:

City: Zip:

Phone: E-mail:

Enter me in the *FLOAT* Contest: (Circle One) Yes No

Describe Entry: