

10th ANNUAL EDGEWOOD/JOPPATOWNE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Rules and Restrictions

Our first priority is the safety and care of children, parade participants and the spectators along the parade route. Please honor the following guidelines as they are designed to ensure success of the parade

- A. Date and Time: **Sunday July 2, 2017 at 6pm**, in Edgewood.
- B. All entries participate at the sole discretion of the Edgewood/Joppatowne Parade Committee.
- C. To be eligible for an award, the entry must complete the entire parade route. In addition entries will be judged only if the "yes" box is checked on the entry form. All decisions of the Edgewood/Joppatowne Parade Committee shall be final.
- D. **No THROWING OF CANDY OR GIFTS** and no projectile throwing in to the spectators along the parade route. If you want to distribute candy or other items to spectators, someone from your entry **MUST** walk alongside the crowd and **HAND** it to them. Violators of this rule will not be allowed to participate in the following year's Fourth of July parade.
- E. This parade is a non-sectarian event.
- F. Please display the name of your organization to be recognized by the spectators.
- G. Each entrant **MUST** sign an Agreement, Waiver and Acknowledgement form at the time of application with your Entry Form and entry fee payment. Also, please include certificates of insurance if possible. The drop-dead deadline is June 24, 2017.
- H. Entries that are purely commercial in nature, are limited to two vehicles and will not be spread out, charitable organizations and loaner cars for the purpose of transporting dignitaries are exempt from this rule.
- I. Entries are limited to the number of vehicles you indicate on your entry form.
- J. Entries that are political in nature (political candidates) may not display a sign or banner with their name and the office for which they are running.
- K. A person that presently holds a political office may display his/her name and office only.
- L. The consumption of alcohol or any controlled substance without a legitimate prescription in any parade area is prohibited. The Sheriff's Dept. will enforce **ALL** applicable laws.
- M. A licensed driver must drive all motorized vehicles. This includes all motorcycles, ATV's, go-carts, scooters, dune buggies, floats or towed vehicles, and any other vehicle, which could not be legally operated within Harford County without a valid license. There are no exceptions.
- N. Plan to have your entry, with riders or participants, in place at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled parade starting time. Have sufficient supervision or chaperones for all riders or participants in order to keep everyone together so that you can start together and we can start **ON TIME.**

O. **The drop-dead registration deadline is June 24, 2017.** Please complete and return enclosed forms to the following:

***Edgewood/Joppatowne Independence Day Committee, Inc.
P. O. Box 124
Joppa, Maryland 21085***

- P. All parade units are required to be safe, decorated and have entertainment value, or incorporating a patriotic theme. This is a family event; therefore appropriate behavior and dress are required. The parade Committee reserves the right to disqualify a group for any reason.
- Q. The Edgewood/Joppatowne Independence Day Parade Committee assumes no responsibility for accidents or injury. Parade participants assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the parade including transportation to and from the parade. A unit should carry a basic first aid kit.
- R. The parade Judges have sole authority to award or not award all prizes. Prizes may change without notice. Prizes may be awarded as follows: Trophies and/or plaques will be awarded in the opinion of the judges.
- S. The Judges' decisions as to prizes or awards to winner are final.
- T. Trophies and checks will be awarded at Edgewood Community Council meeting in August at the Southern Precinct, 1305, Pulaski Hwy. Edgewood
- U. All fees are non-refundable if the parade is cancelled due to weather. Notification of participants will be no later than 1pm the day of the parade. There will be no rain date.
- V. All dogs in the Parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them.
- W. Animals participating in the Parade must be kept under control. If you cannot control your animal or its presence presents any safety issue, please leave the Parade area with your animal rather than risk a problem.
- X. Entries involving animals of any kind must provide their own clean-up, or "pooper-scooper" immediately along the Parade route..
- Y. **No smoking** is allowed by any participant in the staging area or in the Parade.

Theme for 2017:



Liberty on Parade

