

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
JULY 4 PARADE**

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. **Location and Date** – The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 am on **July 4th**. The route travels from Atrium at Deerpath, south on Deerpath to Sullivan, west on Sullivan to Aspen, and north on Aspen to the vicinity of the Vernon Hills Park District facility.
2. **Family and Parade Participant Pickup:** Groups with children participating in the parade are instructed to be in the vicinity of the business park on Atrium, where parade participants assembled in zones. Parade participants will be led from Aspen through the Park District parking lot, through the Victory Center parking lot, to Atrium. This will allow participants to leave the area in a more orderly manner.
3. **Confirmation** –The person that applied for the parade space received information with the parade line-up staging location. Please share the staging area information with anyone participating with your group in the parade. The parade line-up is at the discretion of the Village. ***Once the parade order is finalized, no changes will be made to the Parade order. Requests are taken for parade placement, but are not guaranteed.***
4. **Line-up Time** – Parade organizers will begin to move Zone 1 participants into position at 8:50 am. All participants should be in place by 8:30 am. Groups or persons arriving late may not be permitted to participate. Only approved entrants will be admitted to the parade lineup; no entries will be accepted that were not registered prior to the registration deadline.
5. **Restrictions** – The Vernon Hills July 4 Parade is intended to be a fun, family-oriented celebration in a non-political atmosphere which bolsters community togetherness, fellowship, and celebrates our Nation's independence. All participants shall adhere to the Village's Parade Participation Policy, a copy of which is on the website. Any entrant's presentation or representation determined by the Village to be in violation of the Policy, these Guidelines, or any other Village regulation, or that is otherwise deemed unsafe will not be permitted to participate in the parade.
6. **Emergency Situations:** If you encounter an emergency situation or suspicious behavior, please call 911 immediately. Emergency personnel will be stationed throughout the parade route.
7. **Participation by Children - Children in the parade must be accompanied by an adult. The parade route is lengthy; small children should be in a wagon or on a bike in order to keep the parade moving. No transportation is provided by the Village.**
8. **Additional Guidelines -**
 - The use of any squirt guns or "super soakers" is prohibited.
 - No guns, cannons, or other noisemakers of similar nature will be permitted.
 - Entrants are encouraged to creatively express American patriotism by incorporating red, white and blue decorations/props, exciting visuals, music, etc. All entries must be identified with a professional looking banner or sign.
 - Solicitation of donations of any kind during the parade is strictly prohibited.
 - Floats and vehicles decorated with patriotic colored fringe or skirting are acceptable. A group of individuals riding decorated vehicles (such as bicycles or wagons) is permitted.
 - As this is a family event, please be sure that all music played is in good taste.
 - Commercial businesses may enter the parade, however, the entry must not be just a promotion of the business. Entries must display a business sign.
 - All vehicles must travel the parade route in a safe and orderly manner. Speeding, careless and reckless driving will not be allowed. Vehicle speed should be no faster than normal walking speed.

Contact the Village of Vernon Hills at 847-367-3700 with any questions.