

TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT INDEPENDENCE PARADE RULES AND GUIDELINES

Parade Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021 - 5 pm - RAIN OR SHINE!

Deadline for participation is Friday, June 4, 2021

Parade begins at 1507 Pinto Place (Community Church of MP parking lot)

Line-up begins at 3 pm. Entries must be in line at 4:30 pm. Streets close at 4:45 pm

Please review the following for details and where you are to line-up.

North Washington Street (runs East Franklin Street to Cook Street)

- Sheriff's Dept. Motor Unit
- Color Guard (Sheriff's Dept)
- Grand Marshal
- Mt Pleasant Fire Dept.
- Mt Pleasant Elected Officials
- Visiting Fire Departments
- EMS Vehicles
- Cabarrus County Sheriff
- Crime Stoppers
- Cabarrus County Elected Officials
- Political Candidates
- ROTC Units

Special Instructions: Take North Main Street, turn on Cook Street, and turn right on Washington Street. Restrooms will be available. Line-up is first come, first serve.

8535 Lee Street (First Baptist Church) (off South Main Street)

*****NOTE: Leader of the group must arrive by 3 pm!*****

- Scout Troops
- Youth Athletic Teams
- Church Groups
- Walking/Dancing Groups
- Martial Arts Groups
- Motorcycle Groups
- Walkers with Floats

Special Instructions: **To avoid any confusion with those participating from your group, the Group leader must arrive by 3 pm!** To meet your group, take South Main Street, turn on Lee Street, and turn Left into the First Baptist Church parking lot. Restrooms will be available the First Baptist Church Wallace Fellowship Building (sidewalk connecting church parking lot to Wallace Fellowship Building.)

Participants are to be **dropped off only** at this location. On-street parking is available on Main Street. **Once members of your group have arrived and are ready**, please have one person check in with the Event Staff person (wearing a bright yellow vest), at your location. Your group will then be directed to travel together your staging location (on South Washington Street.) Groups must be in line on South Washington Street by 4:30 pm. Streets will be closing at 4:45 pm. Line-up is first come, first serve. **For the safety of all those participating in the parade, individuals will not be permitted to be dropped off on South Washington Street. You must meet your group at the designated location.**

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South Washington Street (runs Lee Street to East Franklin)

- Floats (without Walkers)

Note: All floats are to assemble and load riders at First Baptist Church before lining up at 1507 Pinto Place **

Special Instructions: To assemble your float and meet those riding float, take South Main Street, turn on Lee Street, and turn Left into the First Baptist Church parking lot. Restrooms will be available at First Baptist Church Wallace Fellowship Building (sidewalk connects church parking lot to Wallace Fellowship Building.)

Line-up is first come, first serve. **For the safety of all those participating in the parade, individuals will not be permitted to be dropped off at 1507 Pinto Place.**

1601 South Main Street (First Baptist Church Wallace Fellowship Parking Lot)

- Queens
- Antique Vehicles

Special Instructions: To meet your driver or gather your Queen or Antique Vehicle group together, take South Main Street and turn Left into the parking lot beside the Wallace Fellowship Building. Restrooms will be available at this location. Queens are responsible for coordinating with their drivers on meeting time at this location.

- We ask each Queen entry and/or Antique Vehicle entry to fill out a Parade Application.
- Queen (Parents): There is on-street parking on both sides of South Main Street.
- Antique Vehicles: Please drive to the back side of this parking lot facing out toward Lee Street.

Once all members of your group have arrived and are ready, please have one person check in with the Event Staff Member (wearing a bright yellow vest), at your location. You will then be directed to travel together to the Parade Staging Location (1507 Pinto Place @ the Community Church of Mount Pleasant.) Line-up is first come, first serve. **For the safety of all those participating in the parade, individuals will not be permitted to be dropped off at 1507 Pinto Place.**

1507 Pinto Place (Community Church of Mount Pleasant - off East Franklin Street {Hwy 73})

- Business Vans, Trucks,
- Military Vehicles
- Tractors / Lawn Mowers
- Golf Carts / ATV's
- Miscellaneous Vehicles
- Queens (after meeting their drivers)
- Antique Cars (after all participating are together)
- Floats without Walkers (after all participating are together)

Special Instructions: To line up, take South Main Street to Lee Street, then turn Left on Barringer Street. Parade Staging Location is in Parking lot on right. Restrooms will be available at this location. Line-up is first come, first serve. **For the safety of all those participating in the parade, individuals will not be permitted to be dropped off at 1507 Pinto Place.**

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1507 Pinto Place (Community Church of Mount Pleasant - off East Franklin Street {Hwy 73})

- Mount Pleasant High School Band / Mount Pleasant High School Cheerleaders/Dance Team

Special Instructions: To line up, take East Franklin Street (Hwy 73) and turn Right into Pinto Place Drive.

****PLEASE NOTE STUDENTS ARE NOT TO BE DROPPED OFF INDIVIDUALLY ON HWY 73 - You must turn into Pinto Place and circle around to the Community Church building for unloading.**** **Band Members/Parents helping to unload students and instruments:** unload at the Community Church building, which will be open for dressing and restrooms. Once all are unloaded, busses will proceed to Mount Pleasant Elementary School for pickup after the parade. ****Cheerleaders/Dance Team - it is suggested you meet at the High School and travel as a group to 1507 Pinto Place. In case of inclement weather, Band and instruments will be inside church building. At the end of the Parade, band(s), Cheerleaders, and Dance Team may be picked up at Mount Pleasant Elementary School.**

Parade Route: Parade travels up East Franklin Street toward the Town Square, and turns Right on North Main Street. Parade proceeds up North Main Street to Hwy 49, crosses over Hwy 49, and parade ends at North Drive. Parade entries may either turn left on North Drive or continue straight on Mount Pleasant Road. Groups must turn right on North Drive and proceed to Mount Pleasant Elementary School for drop off/pick up of parade participants. If you will be picking up a participant at the Elementary School, we ask you park in the teacher parking lot, find your participant and return to your car to keep everyone safe.

All groups are to be picked up at Mount Pleasant Elementary School.

Restrictions:

- The Town of Mount Pleasant Independence Parade is a family-oriented event. Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste is not allowed.
- All North Carolina Motor Vehicle laws and regulations must be obeyed and will be enforced. Riders on the roof, hood, or in construction equipment attachments etc will not be permitted.
- Due to safety concerns, equestrian entries will not be permitted.

Notice: The Town of Mount Pleasant reserves the right to remove any parade participant/group/entry/float that is interfering with the safety and well-being of event patrons and/or the event itself. Entries that do not adhere to the guidelines stated will be pulled from the parade and will not be permitted to participate in future parades.

If you have questions or need further explanations of the Rules and Guidelines, please contact the Events Coordinator at 704-436-9803.