



# September 28, 2024

## Parade Guidelines

These guidelines are designed for the safety of participants and spectators of our annual Fall Fest Parade. Please adhere to these rules. If you have any questions, contact Angela Schrum, Festival Director, at 618-242-3151 or [angela.schrum@mtvernon.com](mailto:angela.schrum@mtvernon.com).

1. The Mt. Vernon Fall Fest Committee reserves the right to limit the number/type of vehicles and other entries in the parade.
2. Entries received after September 27th will be accepted only upon approval from the Parade Committee.
3. Lineup will be 7<sup>th</sup> Street facing North from Jordan to Newby (leaving railroad track space empty) along both sides of the street, which will eliminate the ability for thru traffic!
4. Entries should enter from south of downtown (Via Newby or from HWY 142 via Shawnee) to help with the flow of traffic.
5. **ONLY PARADE VEHICLES** will be allowed on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, so please pick up any riders prior to arriving in the staging area or direct them to walk to 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. Parade lineup begins at 11 a.m. All entries must be Lined up by 12 p.m. for judging. Parade kicks off promptly at 1 p.m.
7. There will be two (2) port-a-potties in the parade staging area near the old Armory Parking (8<sup>th</sup> & Jordan Streets). It is **HIGHLY** recommended you make a restroom stop before you arrive to the staging area.
8. **Vehicles are not allowed to park in the middle of the intersections during line up.** Keeping the intersections open is imperative in the event an emergency occurs so emergency vehicles have clear passage.
9. All entries must have clear identification.
10. All entries having music or sound amplifying systems shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries. If a unit is informed by a Parade official that the noise generated by their unit is too loud; they shall immediately turn the volume down. **Please note if you will have sound on your Parade Application.** Semi and other vehicle horns are prohibited from 9<sup>th</sup> St to past Broadway due to Marching Band judging and announcements.
11. Drivers of floats and vehicles must have a clear line of sight (unobstructed) in all directions.

12. Drivers must possess a valid driver's license. All floats, vehicles and entries must have a person of the age of 21 or older as a participant and/or driver.
13. All items on floats and vehicles must be properly secured to prevent all hazards to any participant or spectator.
14. All persons riding on floats or vehicles shall only do so in a safe and reasonable manner, taking into consideration the movement of the floats and vehicles.
15. **No participant may leave the float, vehicle, or entry at any time prior to the conclusion of the parade route. (They may not switch from riding the float to walking to riding the float again).**
16. Participants shall not throw, handout or project by any means, any items from parade entries. However, participants on foot are allowed to hand out candy and/or promotional items before and/or during the parade within 3 feet of the curb.
17. Generators must be used in well-ventilated areas and not inside vehicles passenger areas.
18. **DO NOT STOP ON TRAIN TRACKS.** As you approach the tracks, check to make sure there is room for your entry on the other side of the tracks. If not, stop BEFORE the tracks until it is safe to cross.
19. If horses or other animals are a part of your entry, you will be responsible for cleaning up after them.
20. All floats must end the parade at 7<sup>th</sup> and Jordan Avenue (the old gravel High School Parking lot). This is where buses for Marching Bands should park as well as participants who came in separate cars. All other vehicles, please plan to exit the area via Casey Avenue or Jordan Street East AWAY from the parade route after you have released your riders.
21. Please remember most of the time the first entrants are back to the beginning before the last entrants have even left, so you will have to wait behind the end of the parade to proceed to drop off your riders.
22. Please be kind to the volunteers who are helping to make the parade fun and enjoyable for everyone!

Sincerely,

Angela Schrum, Director

Jason Hulbert, President



#### Parade Awards

- \*Mayor's Choice
- \*Best Youth Organization
- \*Best Overall
- \*Best Use of Theme
- \*Best Antique Car
- \*Best Costume(s)
- \*Best Antique Tractor
- \*Best Decorated Vehicle
- \*Best Large Float
- \*Best Small Float

***Awards will be given out at the start of the parade,  
so the crowd sees who won!***