



23rd Annual Tinley Park Irish Parade

Sunday, March 5, 2023
1:00 pm Step-off



PARADE ENTRY FORM

Enjoy this family-friendly event along Oak Park Avenue in Downtown Tinley Park.

Step-Off at 1:00 PM—Line-Up at 11:30 a.m. at Central Middle School (18146 S. Oak Park Avenue)

Parking will be limited to Service King Collision Repair Center’s parking lot. We ask groups to carpool to lineup.

Oak Park Avenue will close at 12:30 p.m. No thru traffic will be allowed after that point.

NO OPEN ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AND AT LINE-UP.

Participation is on a first come, first served basis and no entries will be accepted after the maximum number of entries are met. Please complete the application below and return it by February 17, 2023.

PARADE ENTRY FEES			
Veterans, Schools and Non-Profit Groups	Tinley Park Businesses	Non-Tinley Park Businesses and Political Groups	Unions and Large Corporations
\$20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$200.00

Every entry is expected to display the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day, whether it is through floats, music, décor, costuming, accessories, etc.

ORGANIZATION _____ CONTACT _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ WEBSITE _____

PHONE _____ *EMAIL _____

Two-three sentences about your organization/entry (will be announced) _____

ONE CATEGORY OF ENTRY *DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY-Please include number of vehicles/floats in entry and approx. sizes

- Amateur Float _____
- Professional Float _____
- Performance Group _____
- Walking Group/Vehicle _____

* Communication to entries in the parade will be via email.

** Awards will be given in each of the categories above. Check the category in which you would like to be judged.

*** Space at line-up is limited, so please make sure you include the amount of space your entry will require.

Check this box if your entry will be playing music along the parade route

Check this box if your entry will include animals (See 2nd page for regulations)

Mail entry form and make check payable to: Village of Tinley Park, 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Credit cards are accepted in person only. For further information, please email agaus@tinleypark.org.



Parade Rules and Regulations

- Oak Park Avenue will close 30 minutes before step-off, please plan accordingly.
- **NO OPEN ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED ON THE PARADE ROUTE OR LINE-UP AREA OR IN ANY OF THE VEHICLES!**
- **All floats with children must have at least two adults riding on the float.**
- All entries must be pre-registered with a complete application form and designated fees.
- **Music** used on an entry is strongly encouraged and should be stated on the application. Volume must be adjustable, and music must be appropriate for all ages.
- We encourage a fire extinguisher on each float in case of an emergency.
- Any vehicle or float deemed unsafe will be removed from the parade line-up.
- The Tinley Park Police Department and Fire Department may exercise the authority to veto any aspect of the parade they feel poses an unreasonable risk of injury or danger to the public.
- All vehicles must be clean and in good running condition.
- All drivers of floats or motorized vehicles must have proof of vehicle liability insurance and a **valid Illinois Drivers License** with the appropriate classification.
- Drivers of motorized vehicles must comply with all traffic laws and must refrain from excessive accelerations, wheelies, and burnouts.
- **No candy or materials may be thrown** from parade floats or moving vehicles to spectators along parade route. Candy may be handed to the crowd at the curb.
- Parade participants may not jump from or onto floats or motorized vehicles during the parade.
- Make sure all the decorations on your float are properly secured. Keep extension cords away from wheels or other moving parts.
- **Animals** in the parade must be listed on the entry application. All animals must have updated vaccinations and be in good medical health and be able to cope with crowds and other animals. Parade applicants must provide someone to immediately clean up after the animal. Violators of this rule will be removed from the parade. Dogs must be on a leash and controlled at all times.
- **All participants must follow communications from police and traffic officers and must be able to keep pace with the parade. Any walker who is unable to keep pace with the group should plan to ride in their vehicle in lieu of walking.**
- Each unit must maintain a forward momentum and may not slow or stop the parade in any way. Units may not stop to perform anywhere along the parade route including for television cameras unless directed by the parade marshal or at the assigned reviewing stand. The parade will cross the train tracks on Oak Park Ave. There is to be no stopping on the tracks for any reason.
- No ticker tape, silly string or confetti may be used on the parade route by parade participants during the parade.
- Firearms and/or squirt guns are not allowed except for those used by the Color Guard.
- The parade is **rain or shine**, but the Parade Committee may cancel the parade due to inclement or life-threatening weather. The Village designated police and emergency management contact will assist in making this determination.