

The New Haven Canal Days 2018 Grand Parade

"Coming Together With Disco Fever" on June 9th.

The Grand Parade will start rolling down Park Avenue at 11:00 am. It will run west to east, and finish on Green Street.

ALL GROUPS WITH CHILDREN will go straight down South or North Park, as the parade ends.

Parents should make a plan to meet on one of those two streets.

The 2018 Grand Parade will line up at The New Haven Methodist Church. Please use the NORTH entrance of the church for ALL vehicles that will be in the parade. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LOT IF THEY ARE NOT IN THE PARADE.

ALL WALKERS MUST BE DROPPED OFF ON MOUREY. THERE WILL BE A SIGN AND STAFF TO ASSIST YOUR CHILDREN. DRIVERS MUST TRAVEL SOUTH ON MOUREY AND THEN MUST TURN LEFT ON PARK AVE.

We have staggered arrival times for participants. Participants are required to bring their parade unit to parking lot within the time frame specified on your confirmation. *There will be plenty of security in the area, so you can leave the staging site and return closer to the time of the parade if you prefer. The parade begins at 11am. Groups with young children should arrive no later than 10:00 a.m.*

- Units #1 -#15 -- arrive between 8:00-8:30 a.m. For early arrivals, we will have personnel on hand to watch your parade units if you wish to leave and return closer to parade start time.
 - Units #16-#30-- arrive between 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
 - Units #46 and over—arrive between 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- Groups with a large number of participants, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, should try to carpool to the festival lineup area. This will greatly cut down on vehicular traffic into the area, which is already very crowded and it will also provide more safety for young children in the area.

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PERSONAL CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE LOT. Safety is our #1 concern. Rules and regulations, as well as lineup strategies, are based completely around safety and traffic control. They meet insurance requirements as well as those outlined by police. Please help us continue to abide by the rules!

DURING THE PARADE:

The following are rules and regulations for units during the parade. Please read and inform all of your participants. If there are any questions, please call in advance for clarification!

- Items MAY NOT be thrown from the moving units. Participants may walk along the curb and toss candy, etc. into the crowd. ANYONE CAUGHT THROWING ITEMS WILL BE BANNED FROM PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE PARADES. This rule is mandated by our insurance carrier.
- Absolutely NO Mylar or Metallic Balloons.
- Please keep 2 car lengths between units while you are in the parade. If you are farther behind...CATCH UP. If you are too close to the unit in front...SLOW DOWN!
- While your unit is marching, do not use intricate movements that will slow down your unit. For example, if young participants are performing a unison step while they are walking, please make sure that they can keep the pace of the parade and make sure spacing between your unit and the unit ahead of you is no more than two car lengths. Provide a routine that will give the participants the ability to keep up! Make sure you have enough adults within your group to keep an eye on the placement and help move the "little ones" along.
- POOPER SCOOPERSare absolutely required for any unit with animals. No pooper-scooper . no participation!

AWARDS

- Awards will be presented following the parade at 2:00 p.m. at the band stand in Schnelker Park.
- Please try to have a representative present to receive your award!!
- SUNSHINE AWARD: The Sunshine Award will be given to the entry that exhibits the best smiles and most enthusiasm during the parade. This Sunshine Award is in memory of Lori Cheviron, festival parade volunteer.

Thank you for coming together...

The New Haven Festival Committee Board of Directors and the Parade Committee thank you for participating in this year's 'Grand Parade'. We have coordinated this very popular event with our New Haven city services -- Police, Fire, EMS, and Utilities -- to make sure that everyone is safe and has a wonderful time!

We extend our appreciation to all participants for your patience during the lineup and for your willingness to follow these rules and regulations.

Any questions or concerns, please email Melissa Greenwood
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