

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025

Presented by The Coney & Downtown Indiana, a Non-Profit Organization
Saturday March 15th 2025 @ 11am

* **Please note:** Downtown Indiana is instituting a **\$50 participation fee** for this year's parade to help offset the increasing costs associated with the parade and for funding Downtown Indiana's local business and community revitalization initiatives. The units that are exempt from the participation fee include those associated with non-profit organizations, educational organizations (e.g., school bands), and emergency management organizations. Thank you in advance for helping us continue offering these events/initiatives for the community.

Please submit a separate Parade Unit Application for each unit.

Sponsoring Organization(s) Name(s): _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate which of the following best describes the type of your parade unit:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Float (constructed display) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle(s) (antique) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float (with passengers only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle(s) (motorized drill team) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float (other) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle(s) (with passenger(s) only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle (other) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching/Walking Drill or Performance Team | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Marching/Walking Individual or Group | |

Does your parade unit feature music (live or recorded)? Yes No

Please describe your parade unit music:

Please describe your parade unit in detail:

Please provide a fact about your organization that can be used as a parade promotional material:

As the contact person and person responsible for this parade unit, I am fully aware of and understand that my/our participation in the Downtown Indiana Parade must be in compliance with the Downtown Indiana Parade guidelines, and all other applicable policies, Indiana Borough ordinances, and PA state laws. I understand that my/our participation in this Downtown Indiana Parade is subject to the review and approval of the Downtown Indiana, a Non-Profit Organization.

Signature of Contact Person: _____ Date: _____

For more information please contact: Sam Kenly at sam.kenly@downtownindiana.org or 724-388-9540



Complete & return this form, with payment if applicable, by **March 10th 2025** to:
Downtown Indiana, 1019 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA 15701
Or via email: sam.kenly@downtownindiana.org

Electronic payment can be made via PayPal or Venmo



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St. Patrick's Day Parade Rules and Regulations 2025

The following guidelines will assist in providing for a positive and safe experience for both parade participants and spectators and were developed in direct response to experiences of previous years. As a parade participant your understanding of and commitment to following these guidelines is fully expected. Participants in the St. Patty's Day must be in compliance with these St. Patty's Day Parade Guidelines, the recognized mission of St. Patty's Day Parade, and all other applicable policies, Indiana Borough ordinances, and PA state laws. The driver of a motor-driven parade unit will be held responsible for ensuring that each participant riding in or on the motor vehicle abides by these guidelines, and the organization or group sponsoring the parade unit will be held responsible for ensuring that each parade participant abides by these guidelines.

1. Participation in the St. Patty's Day Parade is subject to the review and approval of the St. Patty's Parade committee in accordance with the St. Partick's Day Parade mission and all applicable borough policies, borough ordinances, and state laws.
2. A parade participant, whether he or she is operating a motor vehicle, riding in or on a parade unit, or walking/marching, may not possess, transport, consume, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at any time immediately prior to or during the parade.
3. A participant riding in or on a parade unit must remain seated in a safe and secure location at all times.
4. A participant riding in or on a parade unit must remain in or on the parade unit at all times; a participant needing to depart the parade unit must do so only after the parade unit has come to a complete stop. Following his or her departure, a parade participant may not return to the parade unit at any time during the parade.
5. **No candy, items, or materials may be thrown from the parade units during the parade.** This decision was made as a safety measure to eliminate having people run out into the street. **Please note that this rule will be enforced by Indiana Borough Police,** and failure to comply may result in not being allowed to participate in future parades.
6. A parade unit, whether it involves a vehicle or walking/marching participants, must continue moving forward through the parade route at all times. Standing performances are not permitted.
7. A parade participant who is harassed or intimidated in any way during the parade by another parade participant or parade spectator is strongly encouraged to report the incident as soon as possible to the nearest uniformed law enforcement officer or parade marshal.
8. Only animals under the strict leash or bridle of a qualified animal handler will be permitted in the parade. The identified animal handler and his/her parade unit sponsor will bear any responsibility for any and all damages and injuries resulting from negligence or act of God incidents regarding the animal in question.
9. A parade unit must be value-neutral and may not represent the specific political interests or ambitions of any political party or candidate nor the for-profit interests of any commercial enterprise.

Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in:

- A. The issuing of citations to and/or the filing of criminal charges against or the arrest of the responsible participant and/or person leading the parade unit.
- B. The immediate removal of the participant and/or the parade unit from the parade.
- C. The disqualification of the parade participant's and/or sponsoring organizations or group's eligibility to participate in future parades.

**Questions regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade Guidelines may be directed to
Sam Kenly 724-388-9540 or sam.kenly@downtownindinapa.org**

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Details and Participation Guidelines 2025

Thank you again for your interest in participating in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, taking place Saturday March 15th 2025. We are excited to have another full parade lineup this year, and we ask that everyone remains aware, careful, and patient before and during the parade. Safety is our top priority!

Questions regarding the Parade Details or Participation Guidelines may be directed to Sam Kenly at 724-388-9540 or sam.kenly@downtownindiana.org.

Parade Details

Parade Staging

The parade staging area is on Philadelphia Street, from 4th Street to 5th Street, and along the side streets that intersect Philadelphia Street along those blocks.

That staging area will be closed starting at 9:00 am, and the parade's first units will be invited to check in starting shortly thereafter.

Units must check in via the intersection of 4th Street and Philadelphia Streets. Police and volunteers at the intersection will direct you to your unit's staging area location. Once through the intersection, look for the volunteers, who will be carrying maps that will help guide you to your unit's final staging location.

Please note that many of this year's units include trucks pulling floats. The parade lineup is designed to make arrival and staging as easy as possible; however, it can get hectic. **First, please follow the volunteers' directions about where to park your unit. Second, please use lots of caution when parking your unit, especially if any backing up or turning is required.** Use others around you to help guide vehicles and bystanders, to ensure everyone's aware of what's happening and to minimize the chance of someone getting hurt.

Parade Launch and Disbursement

The parade's Grand Marshall will be launched from 5th Street and Philadelphia Street shortly before 11:00 am. The rest of the parade's units will follow in the order dictated by the lineup and staging map. The volunteers will coordinate with you and your unit to join the parade when it's your turn.

To keep the parade moving and on schedule, we ask that even units who have groups walking alongside floats/vehicles refrain from stopping and interacting with the crowd.

This year's parade is growing with many units participating, including several with horses. If you are near a group with horses, please keep a safe distance from the horses.

The parade will end at the intersection of 9th Street and Philadelphia Street, and disbursement will take place along Philadelphia Street. Borough Police Officers and Volunteers will be on hand to help with disbursement.