



January 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Canal Fest of the Tonawanda's Annual Parade will be held on Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

This is one of the biggest and finest parades in all of New York State.

**"Birthday Party" is the theme of the 2017 Canal Fest Parade.**

We cordially invite your group to participate in the annual event. Whether you have been a participant in the past or if this is your first invitation, we hope your group will join us in celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Fest Parade.

Please fill out the enclosed application form and return it as soon as possible but no later than June 15, to secure your participation. You will be notified of the parade line up in early July.

This year the parade lineup is anticipated to be on Grove Street starting at Grove and Minerva Streets in the City of Tonawanda. The line of the march will be Grove to Main St in Tonawanda to Webster St in North Tonawanda. The parade will start off at 6:30pm. You should plan on being in place no later than 6:00pm. We encourage you to build a float highlighting the theme of this year's parade 'Hometown Heroes.' There are many sizes for both floats and marchers.

Please join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July for this annual celebration of the Twin Cities.

Sincerely,

Rob Grehlinger and  
The Canal Fest Parade Committee  
716-570-6220  
[RGrehlinger@gmail.com](mailto:RGrehlinger@gmail.com)



- YES, we are interested in participation in the 2017 Canal Fest Parade  
 NO, we regret that we will not be able to participate this year but please keep us on the mailing list.

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARADE APPLICATION**

We are excited to have you join us in the 2017 Canal Fest Parade. The parade will be starting off at 6:30pm sharp. You will need to have your group lined up and ready to march by 6:00pm. To join us in the 'Hometown Heroes,' simply fill out and mail/email your 2 page application to Canal Fest Parade 2017, Rob Grehlinger, 81 Donald Drive, North Tonawanda, NY, 14120, or email [RGrehlinger@GMail.com](mailto:RGrehlinger@GMail.com), no later than June 16, 2017

Name of Organization:

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Point of Contact:

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Address:

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Phone:

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Type of Unit (Marching Band, float, etc.):

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FILL IN ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR PARTICIPAING UNIT:  
You may use the back of this sheet if necessary

NAME OF ORGANIZATION:		
Band	Number Marching	
Color Guard	Number Marching	
Drill Team	Number Marching	
Marching Unit	Number Marching	
Auxiliary Unit	Number Marching	
Float/Vehicle	What type and how many?	
Other	Please Explain	

**SAFETY:** The Canal Fest Parade Committee and the Tonawanda Police & North Tonawanda Police Departments ask that you **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM HANDING OUT OR THROWING CANDY, GUM, ETC. FROM FLOATS OR MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE PARADE TO THE CHILDREN ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.** This can be very dangerous due to the motor vehicles in the parade. **You may have “walkers”** along the side of the parade route **handing** out these items. **Organizations in violation of this will not be asked back.**

To make sure your organization is on our division line up list, please return this application to the below address as soon as possible, but no later than June 16, 2017.

Please give us a brief description of your origination, history, sponsorships, etc.

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North Tonawanda, NY, 14120

Or

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## OFFICIAL PARADE RULES

In order to make the parade a success we are asking all participants to follow these simple rules. We will not have the usual pre-parade meeting this year in the interest of saving time.

1. The parade will form in the City of Tonawanda at Grove and Minerva. The parade check in point will be at Grove Minerva. Each Division will have a Marshal who will be located at the head of each division in a colored parade vest.

When you check in please send **ONLY ONE** representative to the check in desk. He or she will be directed to the appropriate division marshal. Please do not bring your float and entire group to the check in point.

2. All floats must be at least six feet (6) long in order to be judged. Flat bed trucks may be used, but must be decorated part of the float. Floats are not to be used solely as a business advertisement. However, you may recognize the business for their contribution. Political Campaign vehicles, posters, or handouts are not permitted in the line of march. If the float is a horse drawn you must **PROVIDE A "POOPER SCOOPER"**.
3. Musical Units must consist of at least 20 marchers to be eligible for the Canal Fest stipend.

Marchers must remain in the line of the march during the entire parade and will be judged accordingly. ANY PERFORMANCE IN FRONT OF THE REVIEWING STAND MUST BE LIMITED TO A MOVING PERFORMANCE. While we would like to have everyone stop and perform it is almost impossible to accommodate each request.

**FOR SAFETY REASONS THERE WILL BE NO DISTRIBUTION OF CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS FROM MOVING VEHICLES, INCLUDING FLOATS.**

Curbside distribution will be permitted. All groups in violation will not be asked to return.

All groups with animals must provide a "pooper scooper".

All marchers will be invited for free soft drinks and refreshment at the end of the parade. Information regarding this will be distributed at the check-in desk.