



February 16, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Canal Fest of the Tonawanda's Annual Parade will be held on Tuesday July 21, 2009 at 6:30p.m. This is one of the largest and finest parades in New York State.

***“Celebrate Nursery Rhymes” is the theme of the 2009 Canal Fest Parade.***

We cordially invite your group to participate in the traditional event. Whether you have been a participant in the past or if this is your first invitation, we hope that your group will join us in celebrating our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Fest Parade.

Please fill out the enclosed application form and return it as soon as possible. You will be notified of the parade line up in June.

This year the parade line up is anticipated to be on Main Street starting at Main and Minerva Streets in the City of Tonawanda. The line of the march will be Main St in Tonawanda to Webster Street 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 years parade “Celebrate Nursery Rhymes”. There are many sizes for both floats and marchers.

Please join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July for one of Western New York's Largest Parades.

Sincerely,

Joe Boccolucci and  
The Canal Fest Parade Committee  
Phone: 716 691-7800 ext. 396  
Fax: 716 691-3203  
E-Mail to [jboccolucci@dondavis.com](mailto:jboccolucci@dondavis.com)



- YES, we are interested in participating in the 2009 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in Charge/ Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL IN ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR PARTICIPATING UNIT:**

**You may use the back of this sheet if necessary**

<b>BAND</b>	NUMBER MARCHING	
<b>COLOR GUARD</b>	NUMBER MARCHING	
<b>DRILL TEAM</b>	NUMBER MARCHING	
<b>MARCHING UNIT</b>	NUMBER MARCHING	
<b>AUXILIARY UNIT</b>	NUMBER MARCHING	
<b>FLOAT/VEHICLE</b>	WHAT TYPE AND HOW MANY	
<b>OTHER</b>	PLEASE EXPLAIN	

**SAFETY:** The Canal Fest Parade Committee and the Tonawanda, and 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.

**To make sure you organization is on our division line up list, please return this application to the above address as soon as possible.**

In the past we have announced the various units as they pass by the reviewing stand. Sometimes we have to guess as to the unit, it's history and/or sponsorship. This year we would like you to return this information sheet with your parade application. We will strive to give the audience a better description of your group, it's history and other pertinent information.

Please fill in the information as best as possible and return the information to:

Canal Fest Parade 2009  
 Joe Boccolucci  
 C/O Don Davis Auto World Inc.  
 2277 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
 Amherst, NY 14228

Email: [jboccolucci@dondavis.com](mailto:jboccolucci@dondavis.com)

Thanks for your cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you.

## CANAL FEST OF THE TONAWANDA'S INC.

### 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 around Main and Minerva. The parade check in point will be at Main and Minerva. Each Division will have a Marshal who will be located at the head of each Division in a colored parade staff shirt.

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 contingent 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 a decorated part of the float. Floats are not to be used solely as a business advertisement. You may recognize the business for their contribution however. Political Campaign vehicles, posters, or handouts are not permitted in the line of march. If the float is horse drawn you must **PROVIDE a 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 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's 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 with animals must provide a scooper.**

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

Celebrate Nursery Rhymes

**PARADE APPLICATION**

Don Davis Auto World is proud to invite your organization to participate in the 2009 Canal Fest Parade. The parade will be starting off at 6:30pm sharp. You will have to have your group lined up and ready to march by 6:00pm. To join us in Celebrating Nursery Rhymes, simply fill out and mail in the application below.

Please Print:

Name of Organization:

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Contact Person:

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Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit (marching band, float, etc.):

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Tell us briefly about your organization:

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Mail to:        Joe Boccolucci  
                  C/O Don is Auto World  
                  2277 Niagara Falls Blvd  
                  Amherst, NY 14228  
                  Attn: Canal Fest Parade  
                  716-691-7800, Ext. 396

2009 Canal Fest Parade  
Celebrate Nursery Rhymes

Sponsored by Don Davis Auto World Inc.

- Shuttle Bus before and after the parade, between start and finish. Time and routes to be determined
- We would like to increase entertainment before and after the parade. If your group is interested in participating, please give me a call.
- Any other ideas please call (remember, we listen to all ideas)
- All groups with animals must have a **scooper or tail bags or you will not be allowed to march**



TELL US BRIEFLY ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION

THIS DESCRIPTION WILL BE READ AS YOU PASS THE ANNOUNCER IN FRONT OF THE RIVIERA THEATER