

# 50th ANNUAL DOGWOOD FESTIVAL 2019 PARADE RULES

## ***“Party Like it’s 1969: Celebrating 50 Years of Dogwood” May 4, 2019***

**The Parade will begin at 24<sup>th</sup> and Maine Street and travel west to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, where it will disband by turning north or south.**

1. All parade entries **MUST BE AT THE LINE-UP AREA AND IN PLACE BY 8:00 AM** at the location indicated in their line-up assignment.
2. All entries will be judged at 8:10 a.m. prior to the parade beginning.
3. Float entries will be judged on the basis of originality (beauty, humor etc.) and presentation of theme: “Party Like it’s 1969: Celebrating 50 Years of Dogwood”
4. All floats **MUST** have portable fire extinguisher.
5. All awards will be given to a representative of the winning unit as that unit passes **WGEM’s TV broadcast located at 20<sup>th</sup> and Maine – if you are a band/performance make sure you are playing at this location.**
6. **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING MAY BE THROWN FROM THE FLOAT.** That includes candy!! You may hand out items, but they **MUST NOT** be thrown! If anyone does not obey this rule; the entry will be taken out of the parade along the parade route.
7. You will be notified **by email** of your position in the parade by April 24, 2019 (provided we have received your entry by the deadline of April 12, 2019).
8. For those entries that include animals, proper measures must be taken on the applicant's part to clean the streets as you progress throughout the parade.

**THE PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:20 AM ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019.** If your unit is not in the line-up position by the time assigned, you may be added to the end of the parade, or you may not be included at all.

**THE PARADE MUST KEEP MOVING.** Please keep within 100-ft. of the entry in front of you. This assists WGEM in getting every entry on television during its two-hour broadcast and eliminates delays for parade watchers. If your group must stop for any reason, such as for a performance, then the performance must be no longer than 2 minutes and your group must catch up with the parade as quickly as possible. **There is no stopping for performances after you cross 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**RAIN DELAY PROCEDURE.** If **storms** (not rain) are threatening the morning of the parade the following procedure will be followed:

If the chairman of the Dogwood Parade, the Chamber executive director, and the Emergency Management director determine a delay due to lightning, an announcement will be phoned in to all local media sources both radio and TV **at 7:30 a.m.** and everything will be delayed for two hours. This means units will assemble in the line-up area at 10:00 a.m. and the parade will begin promptly at 11:20 a.m..

If it is still lightening at 9:30 a.m. the rain committee will meet again. If it is still unsafe for units to march, an announcement will be made canceling the parade. Due to the unavailability of personnel there will be no attempt to reschedule the parade for Sunday.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE APPROPRIATE ENTRY FEE BY  
APRIL 12, 2019.**