

25th Anniversary 2009 St. Johns Mint Festival Parade
Parade Date: Saturday, August 15, 2008
Theme: “Silver Celebration”

Dear Potential Parade Participant:

It is with great pleasure that we send you this application for the 25th Annual St. Johns Mint Festival Grand Mint Parade to be held in historic St. Johns. A full line-up of activities is planned for the weekend, with the Parade scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2009, to start at 10:00 am. The festival plans to incorporate the colors green & silver in many aspects of the festival and parade and will use lots of beads to recognize volunteers, pass out at the parade, etc. We hope you will utilize our theme “Silver Celebration” and colors (green & silver) in your decorations for your entry to help us celebrate the 25th Anniversary.

The parade is a big event of the festival, but there are so many more activities you won't want to miss. Throughout the weekend we will have vendors selling arts & crafts, flea market and commercial items and our fabulous food court will be open. Other events include Kids World (games all weekend long), Kid's Day on Sunday, the Mint Festival Pageant (Wednesday, Aug 12), our Mint Chocolate Pudding Eating Contest (no spoons allowed), Teen Dance, free concerts Friday & Saturday night (and other free entertainment during each day), New Vehicle and Classic Car Shows, Motorcycle Shows, Quilt Show, Inflatables and a host of sporting tournaments such as 3-on-3 Basketball, Kickball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball and a 10 Mile/5K Run. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend the St. Johns Mint Festival, August 14-16, 2009.

Enclosed with the parade application is a list of rules and regulations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 989-224-7248, or email us at ccchamber@power-net.net. **Because we have entry and length limitations that require state permits, you must meet the deadline of July 3, 2009 to be considered for the parade. If we receive your application after the deadline and there is still space available, please note, with no exception, your entry will be at the back of the parade, and you will be required to pay a \$10 late fee.**

We will have a float contest in two categories: non-profit and commercial entry. Winners will receive a small trophy (only those entries received by July 3 will be eligible for the contest). If you are accepted into the parade you will receive a confirmation and entry number approximately 10 days before the parade.

Sincerely,

The Mint Festival Parade Committee

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August 15, 2009 / Step-Off at 10:00 am
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(If you are a commercial business, please enclose \$60 with your application. Some commercial businesses will receive a complimentary entry, based on sponsorship to the festival. Because we have entry and length limitations that require state permits, you must meet the deadline of July 3, 2009 to be considered for the parade).

ALL ENTRIES: If we receive your application after the deadline and there is still space available, please note, with no exception, your entry will be at the back of the parade and there will be a \$10 late fee assessed.

Entry Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

_____ **\$60 Entry Fee Enclosed (if a commercial business)** (To find out how to get your fee waived as a sponsor of the Mint Festival, call 989-224-7248)

Type of entry (check all that apply)

____ Marching Unit ____ Police Unit ____ Fire Unit ____ Walking Unit, # of walkers _____ ____ Float
____ Antique Vehicle ____ Veterans/Military Unit ____ Horse/Animals* ____ Queen/Royalty
____ Historical Entry ____ Mobile, vehicle _____

Entries advocating, opposing or depicting any political or social issues in their parade entry will not be allowed, although individual political candidates may participate (\$60 fee required).

Check here if you will have music playing in your entry _____

Check here if you will have animals _____ Please note clean up clause: All animal entries must provide an individual to follow their unit with a shovel and bucket for clean up.

To assist the Parade Officials in assigning your parade position, please give a detailed description of your entry, including the length of your entry. (example: full-size pickup pulling a 30 ft. trailer).

Are you going to distribute candy or other items to parade viewers? ____ Yes ____ No
(Candy or items must be handed out by parade walkers, no throwing allowed)

To assist the Parade Announcer, please give a brief description of your business or organization. Please note any awards, history and previous parade attendance information. If you do not fill out this information only your parade entry name will be announced.

It is hereby understood and agreed that this entry and our participation is at our own risk and we will not hold the St. Johns Mint Festival, the Parade Committee, the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, the City of St. Johns, Clinton County, St. Johns Public School or any volunteer or staff liable for any accident injury, loss or damage resulting from our entry or participation in any Mint Festival activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return the application and fee (\$60 for commercial businesses) to: The St. Johns Mint Festival Parade Committee, PO Box 61, St Johns MI 48879 / Fax: 989-224-7667

Please contact the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce at 989-224-7248 with any questions or concerns regarding your parade entry. **ALL PARADE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 3, 2009 FOR CONSIDERATION. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 3 AND THERE IS STILL SPACE AVAILABLE, YOUR ENTRY, WITH NO EXCEPTION, YOU WILL BE PLACED AT THE END OF THE PARADE, AND YOU WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10 LATE FEE.**

On occasion we are contacted by other cities for contact information on entries in our parade. Can we share your address and telephone number with other parade organizers? ____ Yes ____ No

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Please read the following. Your signature on your application is acceptance of the following rules and regulations.

1. The St. Johns Mint Festival Parade Committee must approve the use of live animals or amplified sound in the Parade. All animal entries must provide an individual(s) to follow their unit with a shovel and bucket for clean up. You must provide the manpower.
2. Entries advocating, opposing or depicting any political or social issues in their parade entry will not be allowed, although individual political candidates may participate (\$60 fee required).
3. The Parade travels at approximately three to five miles per hour. Vehicle cooling systems should be properly equipped to travel at this speed. Entries that alter the normal parade speed (bands or marching units doing drill routines) must indicate so on the parade application and have approval of the parade committee. The parade route is approximately two and one half miles long and all parade entries must follow the prescribed route to its completion.
4. Judging will take place within the last ½ hour of parade line up – late entries will not be included. A winner will be selected in the business & non-profit divisions. Winners will receive a small trophy.
5. All parade applications are considered and may be approved by the Parade Committee as received until the **maximum of 140 units/entries** is reached. Entries that are determined unacceptable by the committee will be notified. **The deadline for parade entries is JULY 3, 2009.** Entries will be notified of parade line-up positions and other related information approximately 10 days before the parade. Your contact name, address and phone number must be current to receive this confirmation.
6. All commercial businesses that wish to participate in the parade will be charged \$60, unless other arrangements have been made in recognition of a Mint Festival Sponsorship. This fee is to be sent with your parade application.
7. **NO CANDY OR ANY OTHER ITEMS CAN BE THROWN OR SHOT FROM YOUR PARADE ENTRY. SLING SHOTS, SUPER SOAKERS, SQUIRT GUNS OR OTHER SPRAYING DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** The Chamber of Commerce will allow walkers to hand items to the individual parade viewers. If you violate this rule and it is brought to the attention of the committee, you will not be permitted to participate in future parades.
8. For all entries, the height limit is 15 feet, the width limit is 12 feet and the length limit is 55 feet. **NO SEMI TRUCKS ARE ALLOWED.**
9. The information on your application will be the script read by the Parade MC. Make sure you include all pertinent information to describe your unit, business or organization.

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For more information regarding the Mint Festival and activities, please call the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce at 989-224-7248 or email us at ccchamber@power-net.net. Thank You!