

Middletown's Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Middletown, Virginia

www.middletownfire.com/4thparade

July 4, 2017



IMPORTANT PARADE INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

We're just a couple of days away from our next 4th of July Parade and I wanted to share some very important reminders and information about judging for our parade entries.

LINE UP: REGISTRATION & CHECK IN

Registration, check-in, and lineup will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 4:40 pm on the parking lot of Lord Fairfax Community College, on the north end of town on Route 11. No new entries will be taken after 4:40 p.m. Parade number assignments will be given at the parade line up upon checking in.

Around 4:50/55 p.m., we will sound the siren from one of our fire trucks to let you know that the parade will be STEPPING OFF in a few minutes. Please be sure you are in your vehicles, on your floats, in your groups, etc. at that time. At 5 pm, we step off and the parade gets under way. You must be ready to go by 4:55 pm so you will not delay the parade.

You should come dressed and ready to go. There are no restrooms available on-site, nor are there water fountains, etc. PLEASE COME PREPARED FOR THE HEAT with sunscreen, water, etc.!

WALKING GROUPS

It's advised that you arrange for pick up at the Middletown Police Academy at the end of the parade, as to avoid having to walk back out to LFCC. The Police Academy is located on Third Street right off of Church Street. (A map is attached).

PARADE ROUTE

The parade route flows through the town of Middletown, beginning from the parking lot of Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC). From LFCC, the parade flows south on Main Street (Route 11), turns east on Fifth Street, north on Church Street and ends at First Street. The route is approximately one mile long.

PARADE RULES

- If you wish to give candy or handouts, please walk along the roadsides and hand it out. Nothing is to be thrown from vehicles.
- We also ask that you please do not use excessive sirens, air horns, etc.

Middletown's Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Middletown, Virginia

www.middletownfire.com/4thparade

July 4, 2017

- It is important that you keep your unit in motion at all times. No gaps and no stopping to perform other than at the judges' stand located in front of the fire station (maximum time 2 minutes to perform).
- Animal entries are required to supply their own "pooper scoopers" or waste management. They must be used at staging area, during the parade and at the end.
- Due to space and safety issues the use of tractor-trailers will not be permitted on side streets or Church Street.
- Please help us keep our parade safe! The parade committee has the right to deny entry into the parade due to late entry or an entry that might be offensive or deemed inappropriate or unsafe.

JUDGING & ANNOUNCERS

Judging will occur from the Judges Stand in front of the fire station, located at 7855 Main Street between Second and Third Streets, and next to The Den & Gingerwolf Distillery.

The following is a list of award categories, however, the list is subject to change without notification.

- Best Appearing Vehicle/Tractor
 - Antique
 - Non-Antique
- Best Appearing Vehicle/Tractor
- Best Appearing Community
 - Non-performing – equestrian, organizations, churches, campaigns, civic groups, walking groups, businesses, beauty queens/honorary fire chiefs, etc.
 - Performing – Cheer, dance, drill teams, bands
- Best Appearing Fire/EMS
- Best Appearing Float
- Most Patriotic
- Judges Award – Best Overall Entry

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS & WEATHER POLICY

This year's event will go **RAIN OR SHINE**, unless there are storms in the area. We will make an announcement on-site if there are any delays (will delay for 30 minutes) or if the parade must be cancelled due to impending storms. We will also make an announcement on the the [event's Facebook page](#), the [fire company's Facebook page](#), and the [Town's Facebook page](#). Please be sure to keep an eye on the weather forecast/radar for the day.

We also encourage you to join us for the other events we have going on throughout the day. I encourage you to check out the day's flyer and schedule on the [Town's Facebook page](#). Following the parade, there will be awards given at the park, live music will begin from Souled Out, door prizes and raffles will be given away, crafters, food, and much more. Fireworks will begin at dusk.

Questions? Contact Megan Bowers, Parade Director, at mvfd12@gmail.com.