



# City of West Peoria

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February 19, 2026

Dear Parade Participant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade sponsored by the City of West Peoria. We are proud to be the longest-running 4th of July parade in Central Illinois and would be honored if you and/or your organization would march along with us. Attached with this letter are the following documents for you to review and complete if you wish to enter the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

- Parade Participant Application
- Parade Rules and Regulations
- Parade Liability and Publicity Waiver
- Parade Route Map

All documents and proof of insurance for those driving licensed vehicles must be returned by Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your email address to ensure that the City is able to forward you an email with your Parade Position Number. Your email address will not be provided to any other entity. ***It will be the duty of the recipient of the Parade Position Number to inform all participants of your registered Name and Parade Position Number.***

**Parade Information:** The Parade will start at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at the corner of Rohmann Ave. and Sterling Ave. All participants must be ready and in position no later than 9:45 am. ***There will be no through traffic on Rohmann Ave. beginning at 8:00 am the day of the parade.*** The parade will go on rain or shine. Please be prepared for the weather. Additionally, please be aware that due to the number of participants, the duration of the parade can last anywhere from one hour to one and a half hours.

**Parade Assembly Area:** Access to the line-up area will be from Western Ave. to Heading Ave., to Ashland Ave., then to Alice Ave. to the corner of Alice and Swords Ave. to the check-in center (map enclosed). Groups are to assemble in their staging area according to their Position Number, or they may gather in the parking lot at the corner of Alice and Swords or at Harold B. Dawson (Calvin Coolidge) Middle School. Be sure to get your entry name or position number at check-in.

**Parade Vehicle Line-Up:** Begins at Rohmann/Sterling Ave. down Rohmann Ave. to Swords Ave.

**Parade Route:** The parade route is still being finalized. While the route will remain largely similar to previous years, one important change is that the flag raising ceremony will now take place at our new location: 2421 W. Rohmann Ave. Please check back closer to parade day for the finalized route map, which will be posted on our website.

**Flag Raising Ceremony:** At the end of the parade, everyone is invited to gather at City Hall, 2421 W. Rohmann Ave. This is where the awards will be presented for the winning entries.

***Your early response is appreciated,*** so please try to return the enclosed forms by no later than ***June 19<sup>th</sup>***.

Once again, thank you for your interest in joining us in West Peoria for our annual salute to and celebration of our country! Please feel free to contact City Hall at 309-674-1993 or email us at [office@cityofwestpeoria.com](mailto:office@cityofwestpeoria.com).

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### THE 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

**The parade will start at 10:00 am** on Saturday, July 4, 2026 at the corner of W. Rohmann Ave. and Sterling Ave. All participants must check in, be ready, and be in position no later than 9:45 am. A parade check-in center will be set up near the corner of Swords and Alice Ave. **There will be no through traffic on Rohmann Ave. beginning at 8:00 am the day of the parade. The parade will go on rain or shine.** Please be prepared for the weather. Additionally, please be aware that due to the number of participants, the duration of the parade can be anywhere from one hour to one and a half hours. Please ensure that participants in your group are aware of this and bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.

**The Deadline for Parade Entries is Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm.**

**Drivers** of all vehicles in the parade must possess a valid driver's license, provide the City with proof of vehicle liability insurance (minimum of \$300,000 coverage), and be at least 18 years old.

**All Parade Entries must be pre-registered** with the City to participate and must check in at the corner of Swords and Alice Ave. on the day of the parade.

**All Entries** must have an identifying banner.

- **No entry shall be higher than 13 ft.**
- **Antique Cars, Custom Vehicles, or Motorcycles** may be entered individually or as part of a group.
- **Business units** may enter the parade if decorated to promote the business and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
- **Politicians** may enter the parade as a separate unit or ride on a float designated for their party. Be sure all participants know your Parade Entry Name and/or Position Number at check-in.

**All banners and decorations** must be respectful, family-friendly, and keep with the theme of celebrating our independence and honoring those who have sacrificed to ensure our freedom. A brief description of the parade entry is required on the application. The parade announcer will use the description as each entry passes the judge's stand.

**Float entries must be on a hayrack or flatbed trailer.** No participants are to get on or exit the float once the parade begins its forward motion.

**Position Numbers** are given out on the day of the parade and are to be displayed by the first person of an entry or on the upper corner of the passenger side windshield for all vehicles to identify each entry.

**Candy may be distributed from the parade units:**

- Candy may be thrown **underhanded** directly to spectators or the sidewalk where children are present;
- **PLEASE DO NOT TOSS ANYTHING IN THE STREET, AS WE DO NOT WANT CHILDREN IN THE STREET**
- Walkers are to be a minimum of 3 feet away from a moving unit when distributing candy or handouts;
- Entries cannot stop along the parade route to refill candy containers; and

**Shredded Paper or Toilet Paper Rolls are not to be projected from any of the walkers, floats, or vehicles.**

**Entries must keep their unit moving along the parade route** with no more than 6 feet between their unit and the unit in front of them. Please follow Parade Volunteers' directions to ensure continuous movement and avoid excessive spacing between entries. **IMPORTANT:** If your group is doing a routine, it cannot stop or delay the parade. A brief routine in front of judges may be permissible.

**Alcoholic beverages, Cannabis, or other drugs are forbidden** on any entry, in any vehicle, or on any person in the parade assembly area and throughout the parade route. Participants consuming alcohol, cannabis, or any other drugs in the assembly area will be removed from the parade. All City, County and State statutes concerning the consumption of such will be strictly enforced by the Peoria County Sheriff's Department prior to the start of the parade, during the parade, and after the parade.

**Awards** will be given for the following categories at the Flag Raising Ceremony following the parade: Most Patriotic, Best of Show, Best Service Organization, and Best Juvenile.

**The City of West Peoria reserves the right to restrict, limit, reject or remove any entry/unit before and during the parade if it does not abide by the stated Parade Rules and Regulations.  
All decisions are final.**



**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**  
**PARADE APPLICATION**  
*(Please Print)*

NAME OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***No entry can be higher than 13 ft.***

Entry Type	No. Walkers	No. Vehicles	Length Needed
Military/Veteran			
Family			
Individual			
Political			
Scouting			
School			
Organization			
Vehicle/Motorcycle			
Business			
Band			

If you wish to have your entry JUDGED for competition, please indicate the applicable category(ies)  
*(Awards will be presented at the Flag Raising Ceremony following the Parade):*

- Best of Show   
 Best Service Organization   
 Most Patriotic   
 Best Juvenile

**FULL ENTRY DESCRIPTION** *(include as much as possible for announcing your entry as you pass the Judges stand):*

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RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION, WAIVER, & PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR LICENSED DRIVER(S) TO:

City of West Peoria  
2421 W. Rohmann Avenue  
West Peoria, IL 61604  
or  
[office@cityofwestpeoria.com](mailto:office@cityofwestpeoria.com)

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Office Use Only*

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Entry Received/Logged: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Waiver Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of Ins. Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Parade Position Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_



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### 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PARADE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WAIVER

The undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants hereby agrees that he/she has read and understands the Parade Rules & Regulations and agrees to abide by these rules and any subsequent rules that may be adopted prior to the event. The organizer further understands that he/she is responsible for the group/organization's compliance while participating in the parade and accepts any penalties that may be imposed for violations of these rules.

Additionally, the undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants hereby agrees that the behavior and conduct of his/her unit and its participants in the 4th of July Parade are solely the responsibility of the unit and its participants for their own safety, and that approval of the unit's participation in the said parade in no way reflects any undertaking of responsibility or liability by the City of West Peoria for the 4th of July Parade.

Furthermore, the undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants acknowledges awareness of the risks associated with participation in the 4th of July Parade sponsored by the City of West Peoria. The undersigned contact person for the named entry and/or any of its participants agrees to waive, release, and discharge the City of West Peoria, any of its officials or staff; the County of Peoria; and the State of Illinois from any and all liabilities for damages, death, personal injury, or property damage arising from the named entry and/or any of its participants, in whole or in part, during the assembly of the parade lineup, the movement of the parade along the parade route, and the departure from the parade route.

In agreeing to be a participant in the 4th of July Parade sponsored by the City of West Peoria, the undersigned contact person for the named entry and its participants hereby agrees that photos taken during the parade assembly, the parade's movement along the parade route, and the departure from the parade route may be used by the City of West Peoria in its publications, promotions, advertising, or otherwise, without any further approval whatsoever.

**Parade Entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete and return this page with your application.*