

## Maifest Parade Standards and Rules

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Maifest is a celebration honoring Memorial Day, and the purpose of the parade is to promote unity, community, positivity, and to remember and honor all of America's service members.

The following rules are to ensure that everyone attending the parade, whether a participant or spectator, has an enjoyable, accident-free day. These rules will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance will result in removal from this year's parade and possible future participation.

Solicitation, distribution, and throwing of materials (other than candy) - is prohibited. **ABSOLUTELY NO SOLICITATION**, of any kind, is allowed in the assembly and dispersal areas or along the parade route by any parade entry or third party. The parade and Maifest **DOES NOT** promote any political or religious cause or election campaign; therefore there will be **NO** distribution of fliers, solicitations, or endorsements of any kind. Any displays of propaganda, misleading information, or messaging contrary to that of the Memorial Day celebration will not be allowed to participate. The Parade Chairman reserves the right to refuse participation to any individual or group deemed offensive or not aligning with Maifest ideals.

The throwing of candy is permitted from float participants that are walking next to floats or vehicles, but candy cannot be thrown from moving vehicles or from people on the floats for safety. If you are dispersing candy, a representative must watch to ensure no children run out in front of vehicles or floats to retrieve candy.

Please maintain a steady pace, a roughly 25 feet (7.6 meters) distance between delegations throughout parade route. Please cooperate with the parade officials and police and keep a steady flow of the parade.

Animal Entries must delegate a representative to scoop and clean up after your animals along the parade route unless arrangements have been made in advance with the Parade Committee.

Please clean the area around you prior to departing down the parade route; and discard all trash in appropriate receptacles. Any trash created during the parade must be removed by the float's participants.

For safety reasons there will be **NO** firecrackers or loud, popping noises allowed in the parade. In addition, any music played on a float must be clean, containing no offensive, or foul language.

No water balloons can be thrown, and no high powered squirt guns or hoses are allowed on the floats or alongside.

### Decor

- Decorations are to be family friendly and in good taste. No graphic photos, photos depicting violence, or displaying/containing offensive language is allowed on or around the float at any time.
- Automobile vehicles and other conveyances, pushed, pulled, peddled, and may be decorated with streamers, flags, pompoms, flowers and/or other festive items (in good taste).
- Automobiles must be clean, well painted and in good overall condition.
- Conduct on the part of any unit or individuals that may embarrass the Jacksonport Area Business Association, or its residents, will be cause for immediate removal from parade by parade officials or by members of the Jacksonport Area Business Association, and will be banned from any future participation in the Maifest parade, or event.

Delegation's authorized representative will ensure that all trash is properly disposed of in receptacles while in the assembly and dispersal areas.

Judging entries- to be considered for a prize the entry must incorporate a theme. Floats will be judged on what is on their floats, not walking along with the float. Your participation will be a great asset in making this year's Maifest Parade another wonderful success and we thank you for your cooperation.

Should you have any questions please contact us directly, or via email

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