

# 2026 Blossom Time Parade Application

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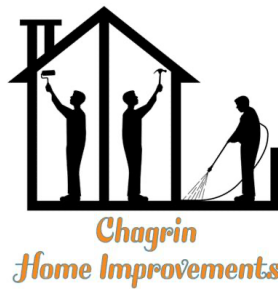
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# Blossom Time Festival Parade Application and Information

🎉 Join Us for the Spectacular 2026 Blossom Time Parade! 🎉

On **Sunday, May 24th, 2026**, the **Chagrin Valley Jaycees** proudly present the annual **Blossom Time Parade**—the grand finale of the beloved **Blossom Time Festival**! Held throughout **Memorial Day weekend** in the picturesque heart of **Chagrin Falls**, this cherished tradition has blossomed into one of the most vibrant and exciting parades in the valley.

With a legacy dating back to **pre-World War II**, this celebration was revived over **60 years ago** by the Jaycees and has since become a must-see event. Each year, **marching bands, dazzling floats, fire engines, drill teams, and classic cars** from across **Ohio** take center stage, captivating **50,000–100,000** enthusiastic spectators.

Now, we invite **YOU** to be a part of this unforgettable spectacle! Whether you're a **marching band, color guard, drill team, or have a creative float idea**, we encourage you to **bring your vision to life** and make this year's parade the **most memorable yet**.

Don't miss your chance to **march, shine, and celebrate** in one of Ohio's finest traditions. We can't wait to see **your creativity in action!** 🎵🎶🚗

## 📌 Float Guidelines:

- Maximum **Height**: 13 ft
- Maximum **Width**: 10 ft
- **Theme decorations are required!**



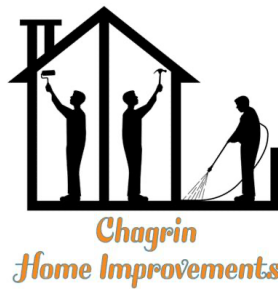
## ✉️ How to Enter:

- Complete the enclosed **entry form (Page 4)** and **waiver (Page 6)**.
- Submit your forms **by the deadline** listed in the parade detail sheet.
- Preferred submission method: **Email** (U.S. mail is accepted).

## 💳 Payment Methods:

- **Credit Card / ACH**: Select the option on Page 4, and we'll send you an invoice for easy online payment.
- **Check**: Mail to the address listed below. *Credit card & ACH preferred!*

Chagrin Valley Jaycees  
Attention: Parade Committee  
PO Box 55  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
Email: [parade@cvjc.org](mailto:parade@cvjc.org)  
Phone: 216-288-1395



🌸 Blossom Time Festival Parade 2026 🎉

📅 **Parade Date:** Sunday, May 24, 2026

🕒 **Start Time:** 2:00 PM

👤 **Assembly Time:** 12:30 PM

📍 **Assembly Location:** Chagrin Falls High School (400 East Washington Street, one mile east of downtown — see attached map for details)

🚗 **Parking Information:**

- 🚌 **Buses:** May drop off passengers and park either at the assembly area or in the downtown lot at the end of the parade route.
- 🚗 **Private Vehicles:** Allowed to pass through the assembly area for participant drop-offs only. Please exit promptly after unloading.
- 🅅 **Limited Parking:** Available at the staging area — space is limited, so plan ahead!
- 🚫 **NO PARKING** at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church — violators will be towed at the owner’s expense.
- 📍 **Staging Spot Numbers:** Your staging assignment will be emailed the Saturday before the parade. Please print your number and clearly affix it to the **front right side** of your float or vehicle.

🏆 **Awards & Judging:**

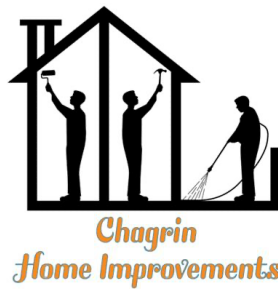
- Judging will take place at the reviewing stand in Triangle Park at the parade’s conclusion.
- Winners will be selected based on the categories listed in the registration form.
- 🏅 Winners announced via email and on the Chagrin Valley Jaycees Facebook page.
- 📧 Want a trophy? Email [parade@cvjc.org](mailto:parade@cvjc.org) to request one.

🇺🇸 **2026 Parade Theme: Celebrating America’s 250th Anniversary** 🇺🇸

🇺🇸 All participants are **REQUIRED** 🇺🇸 to decorate their cars, trucks, and trailers in patriotic style! Show off red, white, and blue, honor our nation’s history, and help celebrate 250 years of America! 🇺🇸

📌 **Important Deadlines & Fees:**

- 📅 **Entry Deadline:** Friday, May 22, 2026
- 💰 **Fees:** Refer to the application form for entry fees.



2026 Parade Application

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID number (for tax exempt non-profit organizations): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of vehicle:  Car  Truck Number of vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of trailers: \_\_\_\_\_

Total length of float (precise): \_\_\_\_\_ ft Anticipated number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

A little information about your organization (for the parade announcer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Entry Type

1. Marching Units

Drill/Dance Team  Marching Band  Drum Corps

2. Floats

Commercial  Non-Commercial Incorporates Theme:  YES

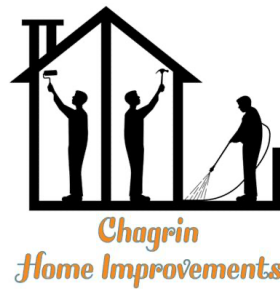
3. Payment Method

Check  Credit Card  ACH TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Safety forces / Veteran's Group / Military (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

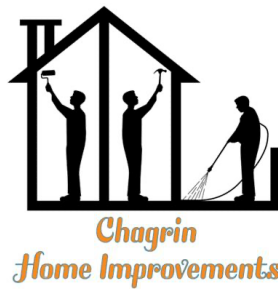
5. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>All judged units are eligible for the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand Marshal's Trophy (Best Overall Entry)</li> <li>• Mayor's Trophy (First Runner-Up)</li> <li>• Festival Trophy (Best Overall Entry that incorporates the parade theme)</li> </ul> <p>Awards are made for winners upon request. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page and email. Please allow 6-8 weeks for award to be produced.</p>	<p><b>Private businesses, for-profit organizations, and general public:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ \$250 for thematic/decorated large truck-sized vehicles (with or without a trailer)</li> <li>⇒ \$250 for thematic, decorated floats (car -sized vehicle with or without a trailer)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Politicians, elected officials, and candidates running for public office:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ \$1000 per single entry</li> </ul>	<p>School-sponsored groups (marching bands, alumni, sports teams, etc.), government, public safety, military organizations (active or retired), and private non-profit charitable organizations (<b>must provide tax ID number for verification of non-profit status</b>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Free</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples of large truck size vehicles, Kenworth W900, Ford F-150, Chevy 1500, Toyota Tundra</li> <li>• Examples of car-size vehicle, Ford explorer, Kia Optima, Chevy Camaro</li> </ul>	



### IMPORTANT PARADE POLICIES

1. By entering the parade, the applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Chagrin Valley Jaycees and Chagrin Valley Jaycee Charitable Foundation harmless from any claim, demand or liability whatsoever arising out of the conduct or actions, at any time, of the parade applicant, its agents, employees or participants. If any criminal or civil suit is brought naming the Jaycees, Jaycee Foundation, or any of its Officers, Directors or members as defendants, and/or the parade applicant, then the applicant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Jaycees and Jaycee Foundation.
2. This is a family event. Parade entries (including but not limited to floats, cars/motorcycles, and individuals) of an obscene, offensive, unsafe or harassing nature will not be permitted. Refunds will not be issued for any entry removed from the parade, whether due to obscenity, spectator safety, or violation of parade policy.
3. We emphasize the importance of listing both the dimensions of your unit and the number of people included on your entry form. This will not only enable us to better organize the parade line-up, but will also allow us ample time to inform you of your tentative placement in advance of the parade.
4. A "single entry" is defined by the Parade Committee as one float, car/truck, or marching unit. An example of a single entry would be a marching band or community group. An example of multiple entries would be a community group entering two cars/floats, or multiple groups entering together under one application.
5. For those of you driving dignitaries, please allow them to disembark at the end of the parade on Walnut Street or Water Street.
6. For the safety of participants and spectators, the Village of Chagrin Falls and the Chagrin Valley Jaycees want to discourage children from running into the street to retrieve candy being distributed by parade participants.
7. Candy and other items distributed from parade vehicles and floats must be distributed by individuals walking the parade route.
8. THE SAFETY OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. The deliberate or accidental encouragement of spectators to come into the street or approach floats for any reason will result in the offending parties being removed from the parade and excluded from future events.
9. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in, around or on any moving vehicle WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! Such activity is not only against the law, but is in violation of parade policy as well. Drivers are responsible for the conduct of those in their vehicles, as well as those in floats. The police will be monitoring the parade and may perform random roadside sobriety checks.
10. The Blossom Time Parade is a celebration with a purpose. Please show your pride and support by embracing the Blossom Time Festival theme by decorating your unit or float.



11. All parade entrants must submit an application to participate in the parade. All applications must be accompanied by full payment in order to be processed. Applications without payment will not be considered.
12. Due to the number of entries, the Jaycees are unable to supply any candy or a car/convertible to parade guests. Should you choose to distribute candy to parade spectators, or wish to ride down the parade route in a car, participants will need to plan accordingly and come prepared.
13. The front of the parade is reserved for color guards, police, fire departments and EMS. All other entries will be assigned a spot at the parade committee's discretion, generally in the order the applications are received.
14. The possession or use of water guns, water balloons, water blasters, spray devices, or any item capable of squirting, spraying, propelling, or otherwise dispensing water or any liquid substance is strictly prohibited by all parade participants. The spraying, throwing, or distribution of any liquid that may cause individuals to become wet, create slippery conditions, or pose a safety hazard shall not be permitted at any time before, during, or after the parade.

***The Jaycees reserve the right to deny entry to the parade to any applicants that do not adhere to parade policies, or are offensive, obscene or unsafe. By signing this form, you agree that you have read the Blossom Time parade policies and will abide by all rules and regulations set forth.***

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

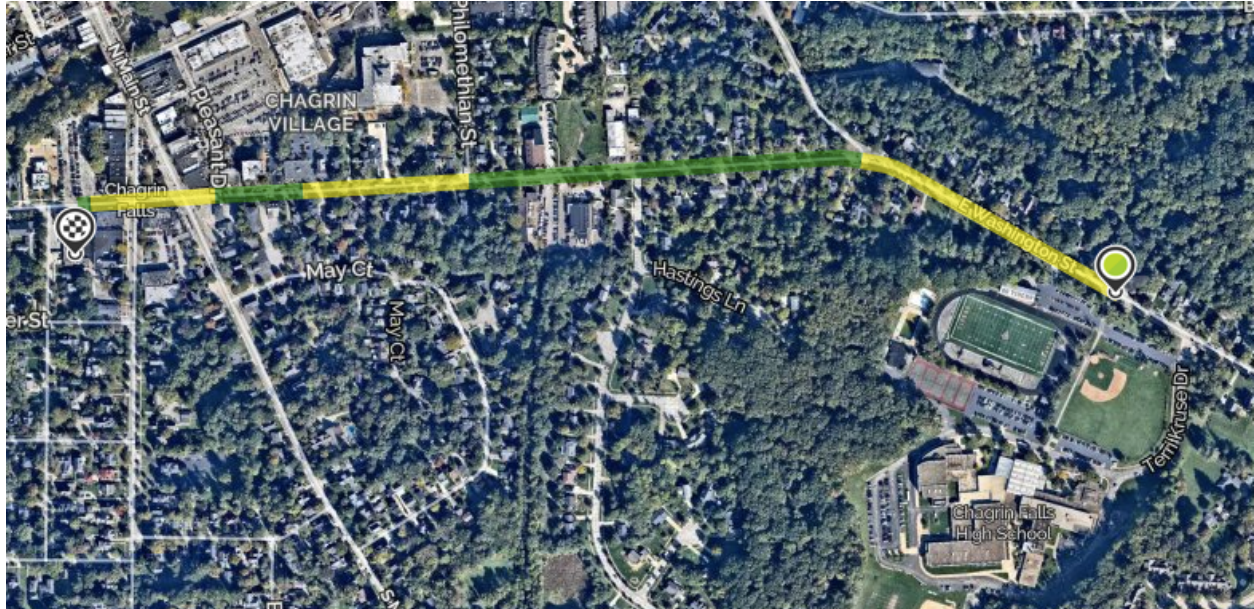
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Blossom Time Parade Map



**Staging area:** Chagrin Falls High School  
400 East Washington St.  
Chagrin Falls OH 44022

**Ending location:** 21 West Washington St.  
Chagrin Falls OH 44022

East Washington Street will be closed **30** minutes before the start of the parade.

- ⇒ **Please arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Parade will start at 2:00 p.m.**

**With hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators, traffic always becomes an issue. To help control the chaos, we will issue your parade entry number Saturday via email. Please print your spot number and place it on the front of the float/vehicle. Upon arrival at the high school, please go to your numbered location and allow units behind you to continue on to their numbered locations.**