



GRAND FLORAL PARADE APPLICATION

SPONSORED BY THE SHARON SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



To all Floral Parade Applicants:

As part of the Sharon Springs Garden and Flower Festival, we are bringing back a historic 1900s tradition in Sharon Springs – the Grand Floral Parade! Let's celebrate this year's parade by entering a floral theme-oriented float! Floats in the parade make it fun and entertaining for the young and old alike. The Chamber of Commerce hopes that this year's parade theme inspires you to create a custom float or entry.

Included are the application, category list, and regulations. Please carefully read over the category list and the regulations. Please have your application emailed or postmarked no later than **June 1, 2021**. (IMPORTANT! Your spot in the parade is determined by the date of receipt of your entry.)

The Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce looks forward to your participation in the parade this year. We hope that you are ready to entertain the residents and visitors from all over Schoharie County who will be coming to enjoy the parade.

Email to: sharonspringschamber@gmail.com

Mail Applications to:

Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce, Floral Parade Committee, Sharon Springs, NY 13459
For more information/questions: Ron Ketelsen, Chamber President at (518) 860-5513.

PARADE ROUTE:

Staging for the parade will be behind the Sharon Springs Public Library - 129 Main St in Sharon Springs. The parade will begin at that location and go north down Route 10 (Main Street) to Pavilion Avenue in the lower Village.

A shuttle bus will take parade participants back to the Library **AFTER** the parade finishes.

PARADE APPLICATION

BUSINESS/NON-PROFIT NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____

WILL YOU BE PLAYING MUSIC? YES ____ **NO** ____ (If YES, will this be live music?) _____

DOES YOUR ENTRY INCLUDE HORSES/ANIMALS? YES ____ **NO** ____

CATEGORY LIST

The purpose of the category list is to increase the quality and enjoyment of the parade.

Please choose the category you will be entering in.

- Equestrian
- Farm Entry
- Antique Car Pre-1940 (Individual)
- Classic Car Pre-1973 (Individual)
- Custom Car (Individual)
- Motorcycle Group
- Marching Band
- Musical Group (Non Marching Band)
- Dance/Drill/Cheer Group
- Military Unit
- Corporate or Business Float
- Non-Profit Group/Float
- Dignitary
- Kids Group/Float
- Church Group
- Other (please describe) _____

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ENTRY:

(*check if applicable*) Our group will be handing out an item or brochure. (Approval by the Floral Parade Committee is required. Please specify what is being distributed).

I have read the Parade Regulations and agree to follow those terms.

I agree to hold the Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce, its agents, officers and volunteers; the Village of Sharon Springs; the Town of Sharon; and the Sharon Springs Floral Parade Committee, harmless from and save, defend and indemnify them against any and all claims, losses, liabilities and damages from every cause, including but not limited to injury to person or property or wrongful death, with the indemnity to include reasonable attorney fees, and all costs and expenses, arising directly or indirectly out of any act or omission, whether or not the act or omission arises from the sole negligence or other liability of its agents, officers, employees, or volunteers relating to this event.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

CHECK US OUT ON THE INTERNET AT:

www.sharonspringschamber.com

Email to: sharonspringschamber@gmail.com

Mail Applications to:

Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce

Attn: Floral Parade Committee

PO Box 182

Sharon Springs, NY 13459

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED, DON'T DELAY!

ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021

Floral Parade Regulations

Regulations are being established to help make the parade move as efficient as possible and to make the parade route a more safe environment for the citizens and visitors watching. Violation of any regulations will result in being asked to leave the parade. Be sure to check the box on the application form acknowledging that you have read the regulations.

1. **EACH individual parade participant** must sign a **Liability Waiver**. In the case of a minor, a parent or guardian must sign. The Liability Waiver should be returned with the parade Entry Forms. If it is not known exactly who will participate in the entry, complete the waiver as best you can, and mail it with your entry forms. Additional participants, or their parents or guardians, may add their signatures to the **Liability Waiver** at **Check-In** on parade day. **NO PERSON MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE WITHOUT A SIGNATURE ON FILE.**
2. Each group will be responsible for removing their own trash. There will be trash cans out in each area of the lineup of the parade so you can dispose of your trash.
3. Please listen and abide by any instruction given to you by the Parade Managers anywhere on the parade route. Their job is to help move the parade through as quickly as possible. Be prepared to stop and move at any given moment.
4. No personal vehicles will be allowed in the line-up area. Participants can be dropped off from a personal vehicle. However, the vehicle must be removed from the line-up area, if it's not participating in the parade.
5. State law prohibits throwing of anything from your float. Items may be handed out along the parade route, at curbside, if prior approval is obtained from the Parade Committee.
6. We welcome our elected officials in the parade. However, we ask that persons running for an office do not enter the parade or line up area to campaign.
7. Children under age 10 must ride — not walk or march — in the parade and must be accompanied by a responsible adult. It is simply too hot and the parade route is too long for young children to walk. Riding in a vehicle is preferred; "riding" can also mean a bicycle, scooter or similar conveyance, but in such instances, a vehicle must follow/accompany the entry for emergency purposes. It is strongly advised that all participants bring water, especially for children and seniors.
8. Under age 18, **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED** for all riders of bicycles, skateboards, inline skates, scooters (motorized or not), motorcycles, etc.; age 18 and older, helmets are strongly encouraged.
9. Horses - Stallions are not permitted to participate in the parade. Mares and geldings only.
10. Entries may not double back along the parade route while the parade is in progress.
11. Entries that are deemed political in nature (except those of a political office holder, candidate or recognized political party), or which are deemed inappropriate by the Floral Parade Committee, are subject to disqualification and/or ejection from the parade.
12. Once you enter the line of march, there is **ABSOLUTELY NO STOPPING** for any reason, unless instructed by a Parade Managers.
13. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances is forbidden.
14. Float height should be no higher than 15 feet to clear the streetlights.
15. Do not move any barricades.
16. Fireworks, Silly String, "Poppers", streamers, water guns, and projectiles of any kind are prohibited.
17. Please be courteous and do not block any driveways to the Police and Fire Departments.
18. Return back to your staging area to breakdown parade entry.
19. **You** will be responsible for the safety of all personnel riding on, in, and along, walking and driving with your group.
20. A representative of each parade entry must agree to and sign liability waiver referenced on bottom of the Entry Form.
21. All participants are invited to stay and enjoy the Sharon Springs Garden and Flower Festival events after the parade.