

Town of Blackstone
Memorial Day Parade
Application
Sunday May 28, 2023



Our Memorial Day Parade is intended and devoted to:

- Provide community spirit and patriotism.
- Promote honor and remembrance for those that have made personal sacrifices to serve our country during the efforts of preserving our liberties as an American People.
- Draw attention to the true meaning of Memorial Day as a holiday that honors our great heroes that have served and currently serve our country and community.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

- The Blackstone Memorial Day Parade promotes a “family friendly” atmosphere that showcases elements of the Memorial Day theme which must be appropriate for all ages.
 - To meet this goal: Applications from parade units with themes that are consistent with the spirit and image of Memorial Day are highly encouraged.
 - If your group would like to distribute items during the parade, ONLY the following items are approved: coins, tokens, beads, wrapped candy, and other non-perishable items/toys that are of a non-choking hazard to children. Items that your group is planning to distribute must be disclosed on the application and must be safe for spectators and other participants.
 - All items for distribution must be handed to individuals from walkers and not thrown from vehicles.
 - Parade units that include children must have adequate adult supervision.
 - Applicants will receive e-mail notification of their acceptance.
- We encourage all groups to meet at a designated location prior to lining up for the parade so as to ensure that the entire group gets lined up together. We cannot assist or guarantee that your group will be able to find each other once you are in the line up/staging area.

PARADE INFORMATION:

Start Time: The parade will start promptly at 1:00PM. We encourage participants to enter the Line Up Area Between 11:00AM & 11:45AM. The parade is held rain or shine.
The parade will Line up at the town common which is located on the corner of Main St and County St.

Parade Route: The parade route is approximately 0.8 miles long and mostly flat or downhill (16 minute average walk time).
The route begins at the town common which is located on the corner of Main st and County St. and proceeds down Main St. It will take a right turn onto St Paul St. and end in front of Blackstone Municipal Center located at 15 St Paul St.

Ceremony: At the conclusion of the parade, we encourage units to attend the Memorial Day ceremony in front of the Municipal center (at approximately 2:00PM).

VEHICLES AND FLOATS:

Oversized vehicles which produce blind spots for the driver (i.e. Monster Trucks) must provide at least one spotter per side for safety purposes for a total of two spotters at minimum.

All towing vehicles must properly secure their float with the safety chains and appropriate hitch lock.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:

The Town of Blackstone does not provide liability insurance for the protection of groups, individuals, organizations, businesses, spectators or others who may participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade. In consideration of participation in the parade, the applicant and/or organization agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Town of Blackstone, its officers, officials and members from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands for, upon on by reason of any damage, loss or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in the Memorial Day Parade. Your completed parade application and participation in the parade is your agreement to the general rules, guidelines and liability disclaimer.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Organizations that are interesting in being considered for Blackstone’s Memorial Day Parade must fill out an application and send it in as early as possible. The application is mandatory in order to be considered for participation and is due by May 15. Completed application must be mailed/delivered or emailed to:

MAIL: Memorial Day Committee
ATTN: Parade Coordinator
15 St. Paul St.
Blackstone, MA 01504

E-MAIL: BlackstoneMemorialDay@gmail.com

Upon receipt of your application, it will be reviewed by a committee. If accepted, your organization will be contacted via e-mail to confirm your participation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!
Blackstone Memorial Day Parade Committee

Contacts:
Cathy Melson (508) 474-5309

Alt: Memorial Day Committee Chairman
Thomas Dunayeski II (508) 735-8252

BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE APPLICATION FORM



This application is mandatory in order to be considered for participation and is due by May 15.
This form must be filled out in its entirety to be considered for the Parade!

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APPLICATION (PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY):

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

PRIMARY Contact Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

PRIMARY Contact Email Address: _____

ALTERNATE Contact Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

ALTERNATE Contact Email Address: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THAT DESCRIBES YOUR ENTRY:

What type of Organization is your group affiliated with?

- Military Organization
- Politician Currently In Office
- Business
- Non-Profit 501-3C
- Other - Please describe: _____

Date Received: _____
Approved: _____
Denied: _____
Conf. #: _____
Conf. Sent: _____
E-Mailed _____ Mailed _____

For Administrative Use Only

Is there a fee for your participation in our parade? Yes _____ No _____ If yes what is the fee \$ _____

Do the following items pertain to your entry (check all that apply)?

- Playing live or recorded music? Yes No
- Marchers: Approximately how many? _____

Item Distribution (PLEASE REFER TO PAGE ONE FOR ACCEPTABLE ITEMS):

What items are you distributing (i.e. candy, flags, etc.)? _____

Animals: How many and what kind (dogs, horses, etc.)? _____

Vehicles: How many and what kind (car, van, truck, float, etc.)? _____

Please describe your entry in full detail (supply pictures or use additional paper if needed):

