



BERLIN JULY 4TH PARADE COMMITTEE
 PO BOX 66 • BERLIN, NY 12022

Dear July 4th Parade Participant/Supporter:

Berlin's 2019 July 4th parade will be held on Thursday, July 4th at 11:00 am. The theme this year is:

"Famous Literary Figures"

We invite you and/or your organization/business to join us in celebrating Independence Day 2019 by participating in our annual parade, the only July 4th parade in Rensselaer County! We have been busy getting things underway and now is the time to plan your parade entry. **There is no entry fee!**



2019 PRIZE CATEGORIES

FLOATS Non-Commercial

GRAND PRIZE - \$125

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| Theme | First: \$100 | Second: \$75 |
| Funniest | First: \$75 | Second: \$50 |
| Prettiest | First: \$75 | Second: \$50 |

FLOATS Business Category

1st Place "BUSINESS BEST" Ribbon

2nd & 3rd Place Ribbons

Fire Companies

(One Award per Category)

Best Appearing Most-In -Line

Other Categories

(1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Ribbon per Category)

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| Marching Groups | Farm Equipment |
| Autos/Classic/Modified | Horseback Riders * |
| Autos/Antique | Costumed Walkers * |
| Trucks | Bicycles ** |

"New Category"

Antique Equipment

*Costumed walkers as well as costumed riders on horses will be judged as one group.

**Bicycles must be decorated.

➤ NOTE: Due to legal restrictions, no ATV's will be allowed except for those pulling a float with a rigid support.

If you would like to participate, kindly complete and return the enclosed Participation Form. Please see reverse side for return instructions. You may also contact us at either of the phone numbers shown below and we will be happy to take your information. For your convenience, this form is also available on the Town of Berlin website at www.berlin-ny.us/julyparade.htm.

We encourage use of the theme in planning your entry, but it is not required. We will be thrilled to have you join us!

You will find our parade route and time schedule on the back of this page. Please contact us with any questions regarding the parade or the participation form.

The parade is held *RAIN* or *SHINE* and is cancelled only under extreme weather conditions.

Let's celebrate Independence Day with another **GREAT** parade!

**** SUPPORT THE TRADITION! ****

It is only through community support that we are able to continue this great hometown tradition. This annual event would not be possible without our generous donors. Please consider supporting the parade with your financial gift. Contributions should be made payable to Berlin July 4th Parade Committee and mailed to the address above. Thank you!



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PARADE TIME SCHEDULE

- 9:30 am** Participants arrive at Berlin Elementary School (via Southeast Hollow Road)
Please sign in upon arrival. You or your group representative must sign in at the registration desk located on the front steps of the school, **whether or not you have pre-registered.**
- 10:00 am** Judging begins. All participants should be together with their entry group at their assigned area and in judging format. * (Prizes are awarded prior to start of parade).
- 11:00 am** Parade steps off promptly!

*If floats or any entrants are not present at this time, they may not be judged. The parade committee requires this time to line up the various contingents so that the parade can begin on time.

PARADE ROUTE

- From the Berlin Elementary School north on School Street to Park Avenue;
- Left onto Park Avenue to Community Avenue;
- Right onto Community Avenue, past the firehouse, to Elm Street;
- Left onto Elm Street, at Hewitt's Market, to Route 22;
- Right onto Route 22, at former Bank of America, now Stewarts, to North Main Street;
- Left onto North Main Street and proceed to the end of South Main Street;
- Motorized units (unless instructed otherwise) turn RIGHT onto Route 22 and return to Berlin Elementary School via (left onto) Southeast Hollow Road. Walkers turn LEFT onto Route 22, then right onto Park Avenue, ending at firehouse parking lot.

Immediately following the parade, all participants are invited to the firehouse where cold beverages will be available, compliments of the Berlin Vol Fire Company. Hill Hollow Band will be performing in the parking lot for your entertainment pleasure. Stop by!



If you would like to participate in the July 4th parade, you may:

1. Mail the completed Participation Form to PO Box 66, Berlin, NY 12022; *or*
2. Email the completed Participation Form or all information to berlinjuly4thparade@yahoo.com *or*
3. Call Anne at (518) 658-2633 *or* Liz at (518) 658-3355.

2019

4th of July Parade – Berlin, NY

PARTICIPATION FORM

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY AND FILL IN THE BLANKS

Organization Group Individual Business

Name of Entry _____

Type of Entry: Float Marching Group Horse(s) Other(Description)

Vehicle: Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Year _____ Driver/Owner _____

Contact Information:

Contact Person _____ Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

Mailing address for contact person or group:

ATTENTION

We are concerned for the safety of everyone (especially the children) along the parade route, and therefore we are urging participants in the parade to refrain from throwing any items from moving vehicles.

If candy or other items are to be given out, please have someone walk beside the float or vehicle and hand these items out.

We also request no sirens being blown during the parade. We need to know that a siren blowing means there is an emergency and they need to get through traffic.

*Thank you,
The Parade Committee*