



SUNDAY, JULY 5 AT 10 AM

**The Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce is proud to present America 250 Parade on Sunday, July 5th at 10:00 AM**

## **This Year's Theme:** *America 250*

This year's theme, America 250, sponsored by the City of West Chicago, marks a meaningful milestone in our nation's history. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the many moments, people, and experiences that have shaped the country over time. As the community gathers on July 5th, the parade will showcase local pride through participation from organizations, families, and community groups that represent the spirit of West Chicago. The celebration highlights shared traditions, honors the past in a thoughtful way, and recognizes the diverse stories that continue to shape the American experience today while looking ahead to the future.

- The parade groups assemble at 9 AM
  - Step-off time is 10 AM sharp!
  - The parade route is approximately half a mile in length
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- Please read the following **RULES & GUIDELINES** which all participants must follow. Return the following by **Friday June 26, 2026**:
    - **AMERICA 250 PARADE APPLICATION**
    - **WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**
    - **COPY OF PROOF OF INSURANCE**
    - **NARRATIVE**

Questions? Contact the Western DuPage Chamber at [team@westerndupagechamber.com](mailto:team@westerndupagechamber.com) or 630-231-3003. Line-up information will be sent to the email address on the application.

**Contract Participants:** We have limited space and budget. You will be notified within three weeks if your application was accepted or not.



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## RULES & GUIDELINES

*(retain for future reference)*

### 5 SIMPLE RULES

***We want everyone to enjoy the parade and have fun!***

- **ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES MUST PROVIDE COPY OF PROOF OF INSURANCE**
- **HANDOUTS:** items to be distributed during the parade must be approved in advance.
  - On your application include a list of what you will be distributing and please keep in mind that these items often end up in the hands of small children. Approved items should be handed out, not thrown. For your safety and the safety of the children, we ask you to walk alongside the curb when distributing approved items. We do not want children running into the street in front of parade vehicles.
- **NO WATER DEVICES:** all water devices are prohibited.
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** use or possession of alcoholic beverages by participants is prohibited.
- **NO SMOKING:** please refrain from smoking or vaping during the parade.

### GUIDELINES:

- Step-off is promptly at 10 AM from the corner of Arbor and E National Street heading south bound on Arbor.
- Parade units are required to arrive at their assigned location by 9:00 AM, with the parade beginning at 10:00 AM. Parade participants that have not assembled 15 minutes before step-off will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave *(no exceptions)*.
- Maintain even spacing between units *(not more than 20 feet)*. Please advise us if special spacing is required. Motor vehicles must be operated in a responsible manner.
- Animal Entries: **MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN CLEAN-UP CREW!**
- Line-up positions will be determined by the Chamber of Commerce. We will attempt to accommodate
- Requests as possible based upon special needs (not everyone can be in the front of the parade). Those requesting an honorarium, please line up at your designated starting location. We will bring your checks to you.

**Note that violation of the rules and guidelines will result in immediate removal from the parade and will exclude your participation in future parades.**

*Lets have a great parade!*



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250 Years America PARADE APPLICATION

Return completed application by: FRIDAY, June 26, 2026

306 Main Street, West Chicago, IL 60185

team@westerndupagechamber.com

Organization \_\_\_\_\_
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_
Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Sponsoring Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Type & size of parade entry \_\_\_\_\_
(float, walking unit, auto club, etc)

Space Needed (10', 25', 50', etc) \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Will Your Entry Make Sounds? [ ] NO [ ] YES What Type of Sound \_\_\_\_\_

Will You Be Handing Out Anything [ ] NO [ ] YES Description of Handout \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Requesting an Honorarium? [ ] NO [ ] YES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the PARADE RULES & GUIDELINES and is authorized to accept them for the organization as part of the application. To be considered, only applications with the following items attached will be accepted:

- PRINTED NARRATIVE (a brief description of your organization)
• WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
• IF VEHICLE INCLUDED, PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE

The applicant further agrees to accept all future modifications in the PARADE GUIDELINES & RULES made and communicated, or in the alternative, to withdraw its application in writing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: receipt of this application does not constitute acceptance, nor does it constitute a contract for your participation. You will be contacted regarding acceptance. This is a no-charge parade, however all donations are accepted by the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce.



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### Indemnification, Defense, and Hold Harmless Agreement

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the undersigned participant (the "Participant") hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of West Chicago, the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce, the West Chicago Fire Protection District, and the West Chicago Park District, together with any and all affiliated, partnering, or sponsoring entities, and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties"), from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, and expenses of any kind whatsoever, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs. This obligation applies to any claims arising out of, related to, or in connection with the Participant's application for, preparation for, presence at, or participation in the America 250 Celebration/Parade to be held on July 5, 2026 (the "Event"), including but not limited to claims for bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage, whether such claims are brought by the Participant, the Participant's employees, agents, invitees, or any third party. The Participant expressly agrees to assume full responsibility for and risk of any such claims and further agrees, at its sole cost and expense, to immediately defend the Indemnified Parties against any such claims and to pay and satisfy any judgment, award, or settlement. To the maximum extent permitted by law, this indemnification shall apply regardless of whether the claim is alleged to have been caused in part by the negligence of any Indemnified Party; however, this Agreement shall not apply to the extent a claim is finally adjudicated to have been caused solely by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnified Party. The Participant waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all claims against the Indemnified Parties arising out of or related to participation in the Event. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be severed, and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Participant and its heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

The undersigned represents it has full authority to execute this Waiver Indemnification, Defense, and Hold Harmless Agreement on behalf of the:

Name of Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Agreed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

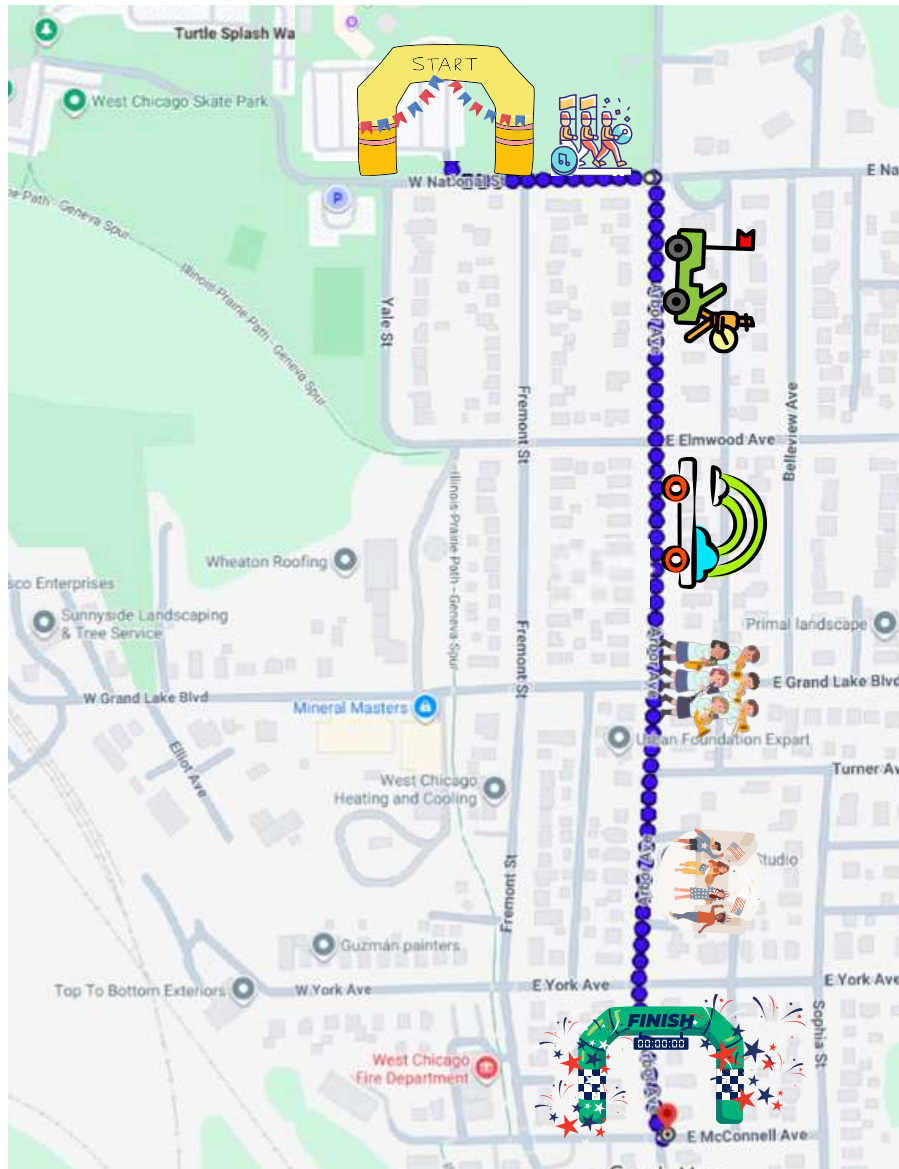
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*NOTE: Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement MUST BE SIGNED before you can participate in the parade.**



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# ROUTE

The parade will begin near Turtle Splash Water Park along E. National Street. From the starting point, all units will proceed south on Arbor Avenue, traveling straight through the neighborhood.

The parade will conclude at E. McConnell Avenue, where participants will exit and disperse. Participants should plan to stage near the Turtle Splash area and be ready to step off heading south on Arbor Avenue.