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April 24, 2010

Dear 4th of July Parade Participant:

The Community Events Department is busy planning this year's 4th of July Parade. The 4th of July Parade is a longstanding patriotic tradition in Downers Grove, and we hope you are planning to join us. The route will remain the same; head north from Main Street and Warren Avenue to Downers Grove North High School. Detailed route and staging information will be sent with acceptance letters.

**NEW FOR 2010:** We have added "A Pet section" in the parade. This had been requested in the past and we are happy to try this new adventure. If you would like to show your pet in the parade walking on a leash, rolling in a cage or pulled in a wagon--even dressed a little patriotic-- please join us. Remember to be kind to your pet and read the rules for entry on the back of the application.

Please complete the enclosed registration form. If you are no longer the contact for the group or organization, please forward the information to the appropriate person, and let us know of any changes. **Please return your completed forms no later than May 28, 2010.** Entries received after this date will be considered late and placed at the end of the Parade. **Note: You must return a parade application form to confirm your appearance.**

A meeting for all Parade participants will be held on **Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, 801 Burlington, Downers Grove. Your attendance is strongly encouraged, as section assignments will be announced, and safety issues and regulations for participation will be reviewed. Here is your opportunity to have any questions answered regarding the Parade.

If you have questions after reviewing the enclosed information, please call the Community Events Dept. at 434-5559.

Sincerely,

Mary Scalzetti, Director  
Community Events

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

COMMUNITY RESPONSE  
CENTER

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Downers Grove  
Illinois 60515-4782  
630.434.5500  
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Downers Grove  
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DEPARTMENT

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# REGISTRATION FORM

## DOWNERS GROVE

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Lineup begins at 11:30 a.m. • Judging begins at Noon  
Parade steps off at 1:00 p.m.

#### AWARD CATEGORIES

- Mayor's Award** - Special Recognition
- Youth Award** - Best entry from a youth organization
- Council Award** - Best entry celebrating our nation's birthday
- Community Spirit Award** - Best entry depicting neighborliness & enthusiasm
- C. J. Shoemaker Award** - Best musical presentation
- American Legion Patriotism Award** - Best patriotic entry

Name of organization or business \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parade entry** (circle one)

- 1. Decorated float
- 2. Antique or classic vehicle
- 3. Marching group
- 4. Elected official/dignitary
- 5. Pet - what kind \_\_\_\_\_ (Please be responsible with and for your pet.)
- 6. Other (subject to approval) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any music, noise, or sounds that your entry may create. \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us something about your entry. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in another parade before or after Downers Grove? (This is for placement purposes.)

Please state town and time. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parade Rules of Participation**

##### **Rules for all entries:**

1. Throwing candy (or any items) along the parade route is prohibited. Children might run in front of vehicles to pick up candy on the street. Walkers must distribute candy or approved novelty items at the curbside in a safe manner. Your participation in next year's parade will be denied if your group is identified as having ignored this rule.
2. No water guns or super soakers are allowed along the parade route. The police may confiscate them.
3. Distributing literature is prohibited -- exceptions can be made for novelty items, call for approval.
4. Motorcycles and go-carts are prohibited, unless pre-approved. Please call 630-434-5559.
5. Please inform all of your participants of the rules.
6. Your entry is contingent on the return of a signed parade participation contract.

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**Rules for political entries:**

1. If the politician will actually be in the parade with their supporters then they will be placed in Section 2, the "Dignitaries" Section. Otherwise they will be placed in the other sections of the parade where they can be accommodated.
2. No negative campaigning is allowed. The Fourth of July is about celebrating. Protesting can be done at other venues.

**We strongly suggest that your entry follow the spirit of these rules and not try to work around them. Pushing the limits of our rules of participation may be viewed by your constituents as breaking the rules.**

**Rules for business entries:**

1. All vehicles in parade, with the exception of antique and classic vehicles, must be associated with a participating group, and not solely entered as an advertisement.
2. Let's celebrate the day. Don't just put a truck in the parade. **It must be decorated.**
3. Business entries are allowed a maximum of 2 non-float related vehicles.

**Rules for pets and their owners:**

1. All owners should be in control of their pets at all times, and pets must be properly leashed or caged during the parade.
2. You must clean up after your pet. Please bring your own pet poop/waste bags.
3. Pets with a history of aggression towards people and/or other animals may not participate.
4. Please provide your own water for your animal's well-being.

**The above rules are based on community feedback. Let's truly be a part of the community and celebrate in a positive manner.**

**I have read and agree to the Parade Rules of Participation and understand that violation of Parade Rules of Participation may disallow my organization from future participation.**

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

Group/entry name \_\_\_\_\_

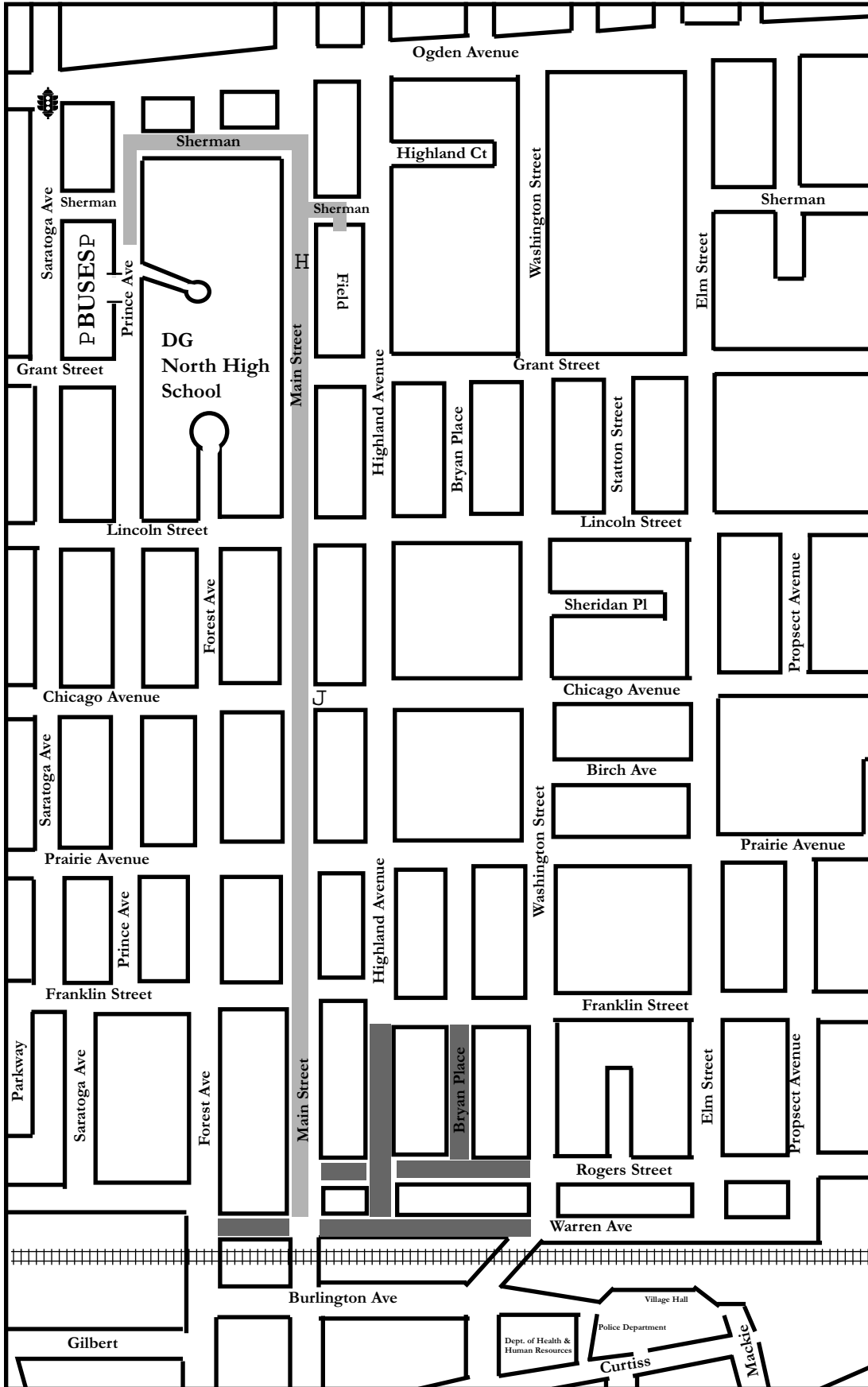
**Complete and return original by May 28, 2010.**  
Keep a copy for your information.

Mail to:  
Community Events  
Village of Downers Grove  
801 Burlington Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL 60515






or  
Fax to:  
630-434-5573

For more information please contact Community Events at 630-434-5559.

Downers Grove 2010  
4th of July Parade Route



Legend

-  Staging Areas
-  Parade Route
- North on Main from Warren to Sherman
-  Reviewing Stand
-  Cable TV (taping parade live)
-  Traffic Signal



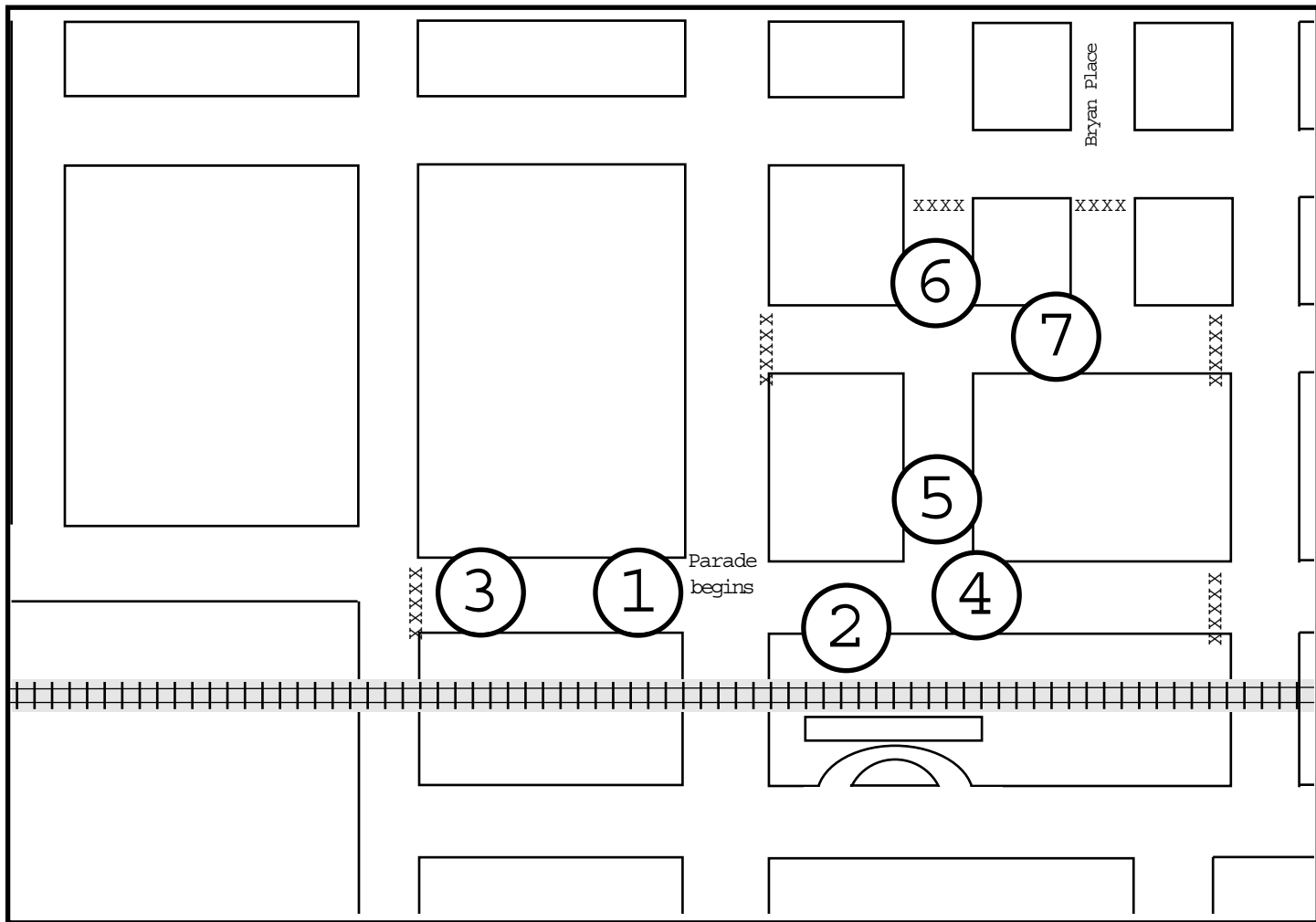
2010 Downers Grove 4th of July Parade  
Staging Area

Parade Assembly Areas

Youth groups, clubs, floats, classic vehicles, marching bands, historical marching groups and entertainment will be interspersed throughout the parade.

**Please check your assembly section assignment.**

<b>Section 1 = 100 series</b>	Warren, between Main and Forest <i>Fire Department Vehicles</i>	<b>Section 5 = 500 series</b>	Highland, between Warren and Rogers
<b>Section 2 = 200 series</b>	Warren, Train Station turnaround <i>Dignitaries</i>	<b>Section 6 = 600 series</b>	Highland, between Rogers and Franklin
<b>Section 3 = 300 series</b>	Warren, between Main and Forest	<b>Section 7 = 700 series</b>	Rogers, between Highland and Washington
<b>Section 4 = 400 series</b>	Warren, between Highland and Washington		



Please note that the parade will begin at Main and Warren and head north to Sherman. Floats and vehicles turn left (west) on Sherman to Prince. Marching groups/kids group turn right (east) on Sherman into field for pickup.