

79TH HALLOWEEN PARADE

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The 79th HALLOWEEN PARADE sponsored by TOMS RIVER FIRE COMPANY #1 will be held on **Tuesday, October 31, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. If the parade is postponed, it will be **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.

The participants are to be at the Toms River Shopping Center (Route 37 & Main Street) no later than 6:00 p.m.

Registration: Participants must register in person at the firehouse on Robbins St in Toms River. (GPS = 26 Robbins Street, Toms River, NJ 08753)

Registration Times: October 31 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Registration Fee: Free (donations welcome)

Parade Route: Parade formation and start is at the Toms River Shopping Center on the corner of Rt 37 and Rt 166 (Main St.). The parade travels south on Main St. turning left onto Washington St. The parade ends at the intersection of Washington St. and Hooper Ave.

Group Leaders, please inform all of your participants if your group is in a walking or a float division. If you can, let them know the letter and number of the group.

We strongly suggest that parents and guardians make arrangements to meet their children at the front of the Ocean County Administration Building, 101 Hooper Avenue at the corner of Washington Street.

Please make arrangements to pick up float participants off Hooper Avenue (County parking area, school parking lot). All prizes will be awarded as each division reaches the Ocean County Administration Building. Farthest Traveled, Youngest and Oldest will be awarded at the Judges Stand.

Safety: Rumble strips down Main Street, WALKERS TAKE CAUTION.

TIPS

If this is your first Halloween Parade, you are in for quite a treat!! Here are some tips to help you and your family get the most out of this unique event:

PLAN IN ADVANCE! Map out your route, decide where you want to watch the parade. You may bring blankets and chairs to make yourself comfortable.

<u>ARRIVE EARLY!</u> We recommend you arrive about 2 hours prior to the start of the parade. This allows time to get settled and comfortable so the parade can begin on time.

<u>BE FLEXIBLE!</u> Having a backup plan will prevent disappointment in the rare event you can't get to see the parade from your first choice viewing areas. Please do not sit within an intersection of any side street. Vehicles require unobstructed access in the event of an emergency.

<u>GET THE INFO YOU NEED!</u> You can obtain information about this parade by calling 732-349-0144, www.trfc1.org/halloween.html or facebook.com/trfchalloweenparade

WEAR THE RIGHT STUFF! Wear whatever you will need to keep comfortable. Depending on the weather you might be in a short sleeve shirt or in hat and gloves.

SHARE THE SPIRIT! Part of the fun of going to the parade is to share the spirit of celebration. The spirit of Halloween is contagious. Pass it on!!

WHAT... Toms River Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's Halloween Parade. Reported to be the second largest in the world. October 31, 2017 with a postponement date of November 1, 2017. Participants; over 6,000 and spectators; over 100,000 people.

WHERE.... Registration October 31st at the Firehouse located at 26 Robbins Street (between Water Street and Washington Street). Parade starts at 7:00 pm, from the Toms River Center located at Main Street and Route 37, proceeding South on Main Street, then East on Washington Street and concludes at Hooper Avenue. Trophies will be distributed at 101 Hooper Avenue, Ocean County Administration Building.

<u>PARKING</u>.... It is suggested that you park at the Ocean County Parking Garage, located at Madison Avenue between Hooper Avenue and Hadley Avenue. Any vehicles parking on any side street off of Main Street must be 1,000 feet off of the corner of the parade. <u>DO NOT PARK IN THE TOMS</u> <u>RIVER CENTER</u>, and if you are in a group please car pool to drop off participants.

ACCESS.... There will be a reserved area for wheelchair viewing, but if you do need this service we ask that you call the Firehouse (732) 349-0144 on parade day.

<u>RESTROOMS</u>.... Portable restrooms will be throughout the Toms River Center, at the end of the parade and across from the Firehouse on Robbins Street.

CHANGES... If any changes to the parade are needed they will be announced on 100.1 FM, 95.9 FM, 92.7 FM, TV 21 & Social Media.

EMERGENCIES... At every intersection of the parade there will be a uniformed emergency personnel for your safety. Remember 911 on your cell phones.

LOST AND FOUND ... Any articles that are found should be brought to the Firehouse on Robbins Street, after the parade.

<u>PARENTS</u>... If your children are involved in the parade please remember to pick them up immediately after their division is complete. Recommended pick-up plans for meeting them will be at the Jury Parking lot on Hooper Avenue.







RULES & REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND **REGULATIONS CAREFULLY!** Any willful infractions will result in the immediate disqualification of your entry, and/or your removal from the parade. The Halloween Parade Committee's decision in all cases shall be final.

- 1. A registration number must be obtained at the firehouse located at 26 Robbins St. the day of the parade between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
- 2. No motorized vehicles will be allowed in a walking division.
- 3. All vehicles in parade line MUST be decorated.
- 4. No more than two units to an entry.
- 5. All pets in Pet divisions must provide vaccination proof at time of registration and you must clean up after your pet.
- 6. Promoting political candidates, parties, or platforms will not be allowed during parade night, setup or during.
- 7. All vehicles shall be propelled at a safe speed and in a straight line.
- 8. Any undue noises that shall become offensive to the other participants is not permitted at any time.
- 9. During set up in the float division, please keep all noise down.
- 10. Divisions are in alphabetical order.

Floats enter at the rear of shopping center off Highland Parkway.

Each division is in a first come, non-numerical order.

If an organization is in a walking division and the same organization or an affiliate is in a motorized division, the last spot in the walking division and the first spot in the motorized division cannot be saved or vice versa.

11. All entries shall be respectful and appropriate for a family environment.

12 There will be <u>NO</u> Late Registrations.

- 13. All passengers should be secured in or on vehicle.
- 14. Any member of the Parade Committee on behalf of the Fire Department can inspect any float for safety factors including anything listed in Safety Rules & Regulations especially Rule #1.
- 15. The interpretation of these rules and regulations and any other rules or decisions involving the Halloween Parade shall be made by the Halloween Parade Committee on behalf of the fire company. Their decision shall be final.

SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or displayed prior to, or during the parade.
- 2. <u>There will be no walkers of any kind allowed in or with a</u> motorized float, or in a motorized float division. NO EXCEPTIONS
- 3. There will be no dispersing, throwing or handing out of any articles, candies, pamphlets, or any other items to the public from any motorized float.
- 4. Floats must not be more than 14 feet high.

Please be considerate of the other people in the parade and everyone involved. Toms River Fire Company #1 would like for it to be a night to remember as one of the finest parades where all involved had a great time!





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PARADE ROUTE FOR THE TOMS RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY No. 1's 79TH HALLOWEEN PARADE



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Firehouse 26 Robbins Street Toms River, NJ 08753 732-349-0144

October 31, 2017 Postponment if necessary, November 1, 2017

Mailing Address P.O. Box 1035 Toms River, NJ 08754

The Halloween Parade has been organized by the fire company since 1919, but was halted for a time in the 1930's due to lack of funds, and again during World War II due to labor shortage and blackout rules. In the early days it was followed by a block party at Robbins and Water Streets, where there would be dancing, games for children, cider and doughnuts. In the 1950's the party was moved to a parking lot where the Toms River Township Municipal Building now stands.

L. Manuel Hirshblond, a former Fire Chief of Company #1, former township administrator and current member of the Ocean County Historical Society said, "It got too big, so we ended up just having the parade." Chief Hirshblond says that the success of the non-profit parade illustrates Toms Rivers standing as a small town with a large population.

The parade has become a true community event. It also has become a tradition among families who either participate as marchers or spectators. All of the local high school marching bands and floats foster healthy competition and long-standing rivalries between the schools turn toward merriment.

In recent years the parade attracted over 6,000 participants and 100,000 spectators, making it the second largest of its kind in the world. Our parade is second only to the annual Halloween Parade held in Greenwich Village, New York City, New York. Participants and spectators alike travel from all across the United Sates to be in downtown Toms River on parade night. "I have lived all over the country, and I've never seen a parade like the one we have here in Toms River." Former Dover Township Committeeman Clarence "Bud" Aldrich III said, adding that while vacationing in Hawaii, people there asked him, "Toms River, isn't that where they have the Halloween Parade?"

Toms River Fire Company Two provides fire protection for Toms River Fire Company One during the event. All six township first aid squads and the other four township fire companies either participate in or provide emergency service during the event. (Several members from local squads and fire companies also assist the fire company in the parade.) Fire companies and first aid squads participating in the parade traditionally wear costumes and decorate their apparatus in a festive fashion.

The parade is run by a committee of fire company members.

This year's Halloween Parade Committee is as follows: Chairman Matthew Duell and Advisor Carl Weingroff.

Any and all individuals, scout groups, community organizations, or emergency services organizations are encouraged to register and participate in the parade. Individuals and apparatus must be costumed or decorated in a festive mood. Politics of any sort is NOT allowed in the parade or on its route. Any questions, comments, or concerns please contact us at 732-349-0144. Hope to see you all when the sun goes down on October 31, 2017.

Fire Company's main website is www.trfc1.org for information about becoming a volunteer or to make a donation.



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Pictures to follow www.DowntownTomsRiver.com

PARADE DIVISIONS

A. Best Decorated Baby Carriage or

Express Wagon – Children between 0-8.

This division is for children under four years of age. Children should either be riding in a baby carriage or pulling/riding in an express wagon. Children should be in costume and the carriage or wagon may be decorated. If the carriage or wagon is decorated, it must not substantially increase its size or shape. Motor vehicles are not permitted in this division. Floats may operate with golf carts, children's toy cars or may be pushed or pulled by hand.

B. Best Representation of *Station Eleven* – Toms River Regional Schools

As a culmination of the town's first ever NEA Big Read, this division celebrates the themes of the novel *Station Eleven*, including post-apocalyptic costumers, Shakespeare, Hollywood, emergency preparedness, "Traveling Symphony," the book's connection to Superstorm Sandy five years later, and more. Costumes should be judged on creativeness and relevance to the book, Sandy, and NEA Big Read. This division is open to all K-12 students throughout Toms River, and will be preceded by a *Station Eleven*-inspired float.

C. Best Group in Line – Scouting Organization.

This division is for all scouting organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Explorers, etc.) The organizations may march in uniform or in costume.

D. Best Decorated Motorized Float—Scouting Organization.

This division is for motorized floats being sponsored by any scout organization. It is expected that the scouts will ride on the float and that the float be decorated appropriately. There will be a limit of two vehicles per entry in this division.

E. Best Costume— Child between 9-13.

This division is for children under the age of twelve years old who have dressed in costume they consider to Comical, Original or Scary (Mime, Clown, Ghost, Goblin, Mummy, Fanciest, Impressive, One of a Kind or just different)

F. Best Decorated Motorized Float—

Vol. Fire Company and Vol. First Aid Squads. This division is reserved for any fire company or first aid squad that wishes to enter a motorized float in a festive mood. There will be a limit of two vehicles per entry in this division.

G. Best Group in Line-Junior Organization.

This division is reserved for entries of any organization whose primary members are young adults other than a scouting organization: (i.e. cheer leaders, little league, etc.)

H. Best Decorated Motorized Float—

Junior Organization.

This division is reserved for motorized floats sponsored by any organization whose primary members are young adults other than a scouting organization. It is expected that members of this organization will ride the float. There will be a limit of two vehicles per entry in this division.

I. Best Group in Costume— Non-Affiliated Family 3 or more.

This division is for those groups of three or more who wish to march in the parade together. Groups may be family members or not affiliated with each other in any way. It is expected that the members of the group marching together will all be dressed in a theme consistent with the rest of the group: (i.e. Cowboys and Indians. A group of ghosts, etc.)

J. Best Group in Costume-

Non-Affiliated/Family 3 or more Motorized

This division is for those groups of three or more who wish to have a motorized float in the parade. Groups may be family members or not affiliated with each other in any way. It is ex pected that all members of the group stay on the float at all times and all be dressed in a theme consistent with the rest of the group.

K. Best Couple.

This division is for any two individuals (No Age Limit) who wish to march in the parade together in an original/ comical theme: (Laurel & Hardy, Charlie Brown and Lucy, Fanciest, Impressive, One-of-a-Kind, Different or Innovative)

L. Best Appearing Motorized Vehicle— up to-1979.

This division is reserved for any vehicle that can under its own power travel the parade route. Vehicles in this division are limited to those built before 1950. There will be a limit of one vehicle per entry in this division.

M. Best Costume- 14 to 18.

This division is for young adults— twelve to eighteen. Costumes may be anything of an appropriate nature: (i.e. Fanciest, scariest, funniest, innovative, elaborate or original.)

N. Best Decorated Family Pet (walking).

This division is reserved for any family pet. Costumes may be anything of an appropriate nature. All pets must show proof of vaccination at time of registration. All pets must be leashed throughhout the entire parade route. This division is a walking division there will be NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES allowed. It is YOUR responsibility to clean up after your pets.

O. Best Decorated Family Pet (motorized).

This division is reserved for any family pet. Costumes may be anything of an appropriate nature. All pets must show proof of vaccination at time of registration. All pets must be secured onto the float throughout the entire parade route. This division is a MOTORIZED FLOAT division there is to be NO WALKERS. It is YOUR responsibility to clean up after your pets.

P. Best Costume- 19 & up.

This division is for adults 18 years of age or older. Costumes may be anything of an appropriate nature: (i.e. Fanciest, scariest, funniest, innovative, elaborate or original.)

R. Best Group in Line-

Community Organization.

This division is reserved for community organizations that wish to march together in the parade. Entrants may be in uniform or costume. (Examples of community organizations are the Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Moose Lodge, **PTO/PTA School Association**, etc.)

S. Best Decorated Motorized Float— Community Organization.

This division is reserved for community organizations that wish to enter a motorized float in the parade. Entrants may be in uniform or costume. Floats are expected to be decorated accordingly. (Examples of community organizations are the Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Moose Lodge, **PTO/PTA School Association**, etc. There is a limit of two vehicles per entry in this division.)

T. Best Group in Line - Commercial Business

This division is for businesses that wish to enter and walk down the parade route. Still must be in uniform or costume to walk.

PARADE DIVISIONS

U. Best Decorated Motorized Float—

Commercial/Vo-tech.

Entrants must be in costume or company uniform. Floats are expected to be decorated accordingly. The floats in this division are expected to be made by amateurs. There is a limit of two vehicles per entry in this division.

V. Best Appearing Motorized Vehicle — 1980 to Present.

This division is reserved for any vehicle that can under its own power travel the parade route. Vehicles in this division are limited to those built between 1980 and the present. **There will be a limit of one vehicle per entry in this division.** <u>Vehicles must be significantly decorated</u>

XX. Farthest Traveled.**

While not a separate division in the line of march, this division will require a separate entry form for each entrant who wishes to be judged the person who has traveled the farthest (as the crow flies) to march in the parade.

YY. Youngest in Line.**

While not a separate division in the line of march, this division will require a separate entry form for each entrant who wishes to be judged the youngest person marching in the parade.

ZZ. Oldest in Line.**

While not a separate division in the line of march, this division will require a separate entry form for each entrant who wishes to be judged the oldest person marching in the parade.

** Must pick up trophies at the reviewing stand.





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