



[WELCOME TO THE GRANBY 225th ANNIVERSARY PARADE!](#)

The Granby 225th Anniversary Parade Committee has scheduled a parade for **Saturday, October 1, 2011** as part of the year-long 225th Anniversary celebration founding of the Town of Granby, CT. The purpose of the parade is to commemorate the history and community of Granby, CT, in a way that celebrates our community and the people in it. At the same time, our parade seeks to provide entertainment for the public spectators. The parade is to be composed of the following groups and individuals, all of who are invited to participate:

1. Elected Officials
 - a. Governor of the State of Connecticut
 - b. State of Connecticut Representatives in Congress for Granby, CT
 - c. Town of Granby First Selectman
 - d. Honorary Parade Grand Marshall James Hall
2. Colonial Fife and Drum and Militia
3. Modern Drum and Bugle Corps and Bands
4. Floats
5. Fillers & Walking Groups

The final composition of the parade (participants and line-up) will be left to the discretion of the Granby 225 Parade Committee. The Parade Committee has the right to refuse anyone for inclusion in the parade.

[WEATHER:](#)

This is a **rain or shine** Parade. Only in extreme weather circumstances will the Parade be cancelled. In the event the Parade is cancelled, efforts will be made to contact each group marching in the Parade no later than 8:00 a.m. It is important that your application include accurate contact information, and that we are notified if you contact information changes. Announcements will also be made on local TV and radio stations.

[PARADE STEP OFF & ROUTE:](#)

The parade will step off promptly at 11 am on **Saturday, October 1st**. The parade route begins at the Imperial Nurseries property on Route 10/202 in Granby, CT and will proceed north on Route 10/202, turning left into Salmon Brook Park. For the comfort and convenience of our parade participants, portable restroom facilities will be available in the parade staging area.

PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICES:

Parking for parade participants will not be available at the staging area, but at several designated lots throughout Granby. Two shuttle buses will run two hours before the parade and then continuously throughout the day until after the fireworks display that evening, in order to provide easy transport to and from the parade staging area, Salmon Brook Park, and the parking lots. Please consult the parade web site anytime after **August, 2011** for a detailed map of the designated parking areas, including areas designated specific for parking animal trailers.

CHECK-IN:

The Parade check-in and staging area is on Floydville Road alongside the Imperial Nurseries property. Traffic congestion along the Parade route will be intense just before the Parade, and it will become impossible to maneuver. Two hours before the parade starts, traffic on Floydville Road will be limited to one way access at the Route 189 access point, exiting onto 10/202. One hour before the parade begins, access will no longer be permitted. **Therefore, all Parade participants must be in place one hour before the parade starts. Judging of parade floats, etc. will take place in the hour before step off.** It is likely that units arriving late will not be able to be placed in the Parade.

All accepted parade participants will be mailed a copy of the order of march approximately three weeks before the parade. This document will list which Division you are in. The leader of each participating group must check in directly with the Division Coordinator along the Parade line-up area. The Division Coordinators will be wearing maroon shirts. Please direct all questions to the Division Coordinator as they will be best prepared to help you. If your group is under contract, get an acknowledgment receipt from your Division Coordinator. Please bear in mind that your previously-assigned division number may change.

In general, marching groups line up on the South side of Floydville Road (even numbers), while floats and tow vehicles line up on the North side (odd numbers). Support vehicles are not allowed into the Parade unless towing a float or cannon, etc. This will be enforced.

We will strive to give musical groups enough separation to play their music free from interference by other musical groups. We intend to accomplish this by carefully planning each group's position in the Parade, and by using various non-musical "filler" groups or floats to provide adequate spacing. The Parade is, however, a dynamic event that requires much last minute adjustment. Floats that intend to broadcast music should let that be known when they apply and if the music from a float is interfering with a live musical group it will be instructed to turn it off.

PARADE GENERAL RULES:

The Granby 225 Parade Committee is authorized to conduct the Granby 225th Anniversary Parade under the supervision of the Town of Granby and the Granby 225th Anniversary Committee. Upon discovery of any rule violations, they retain the right to rectify the situation. The following Granby 225 Parade Participant Rules apply to all persons or groups (including politicians) applying to participate or participating in the Granby 225th Parade. These rules are general, and are subject to revision by the Granby 225th Parade Committee and by the Parade Chairperson prior to the event.

1. Current and future participation of any person or group in the Parade is a decision made solely by the Granby 225th Parade Committee, which reserves the right to exclude any such person or group not conforming to these guidelines and other considerations.
2. Only those individuals and groups that have been invited and accepted by the Granby 225th Parade Committee will be allowed to march in the Parade.
3. Acceptance will be based on theme, logistics, spacing, and other needs of the Granby 225th Parade Committee
4. The position in the Parade line of march for each and every participant will be at the sole and complete discretion of the Granby 225th Parade Committee.
5. All float applicants must submit the theme of their float as part of their application.
6. No one may use a public address system, loudspeaker, or bullhorn without specific authorization from the Granby 225th Parade Committee, as this will interfere with the Parade enjoyment by our audience.
7. No overtly commercial, sexual, political, or religious themes are allowed during the Parade. We will remove from the Parade any float or group that violates this rule.
8. No signage may be displayed that is not in accordance with the historical and/or patriotic theme and celebration of the Parade. Sponsors and tow vehicles may display only minimal signs on truck doors, etc., so as to not detract from the aesthetic value of the float or group.
9. Support vehicles other than those towing a float are not allowed to be in the Parade unless specifically authorized by the Parade Committee.
10. No one may interfere with the progress of the Parade anywhere along the Parade route. There should never be more than 100 feet between groups. Groups should perform as they are marching. A group may not stop to perform unless the entire Parade has stopped ahead.
11. No Parade participant may in any way solicit funds or donations from the Parade audience.

PARADE SAFETY RULES:

The Safety of our Parade audience and participants are our utmost concern. Violations of Parade Safety Rules may result in immediate expulsion from the Parade.

1. Each Parade participating group or person must be responsible not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of the public audience around them. Please immediately bring any unsafe or troublesome conditions to a parade official or your Division Coordinator.
2. Vehicle drivers are solely responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle.
3. No scooters, bicycles, Segways, skateboards, wagons, or shopping carts, etc. are allowed in or along the Parade route unless specifically allowed by the Granby 225th Parade Committee.
4. No one may carry or wear stiff or firm signs as these both obstruct views and can injure members of the crowded Parade audience.
5. No objects of any kind may be handed, thrown, sprayed or otherwise distributed to spectators from any vehicle or float or by any Parade participant. No items are allowed to be given away to spectators, including but not limited to balloons, toys, candy, trinkets, literature, pamphlets, and buttons.
6. Parade vehicles and floats may not be approached by persons along the Parade route, whether by a spectator or Parade participant, and whether or not the vehicle or float has stopped. The

vehicle or float may not be used as a base of operations for groups or persons accompanying such vehicle or float.

7. No dangerous acrobatic stunts, including but not limited to, gymnastic and cheerleading acrobatics, are allowed.
8. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by Parade participants until after they have finished their Parade route. All Parade participants are responsible for observing state and municipal laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol possession and consumption.
9. Military reenactment groups must not fire in the immediate vicinity of horses in the Parade. All firearms must be aimed away from people, and fired only under the command of a uniformed officer. Musket charges are limited to 100 grains of black powder. Cannons may not be fired along the Parade route except by express permission for a specific location determined by the Granby 225th Parade Committee.
10. Parade groups with animals of any kind must each provide people to perform immediate "pooper scooper" duties. This is, of course, in fairness to those who march behind you as well as for the well-being of our Parade audience. If you do not provide this very important duty, we will be unable to allow your animals to participate in the Parade.
11. Due to crowd safety concerns, we will permit only very well trained horses in our Parade. All private, corporate or municipal horses must be insured and evidence of insurance must be provided at the time the application is submitted.
12. Participants must obey uniformed police officers and maroon-shirt Granby 225th Parade Coordinators at all times, including respect to spacing.
13. All participants must provide evidence of liability insurance coverage in the amounts of \$500,000 for Personal and ADV Injury, and \$1,000,000 General Aggregate. For your convenience, a sample of a certificate of liability insurance is provided. This is the type of document you will need to provide once your parade application is accepted.

Questions about the above rules and regulations may be emailed to Granby225Parade@gmail.com. We will make every effort to answer your questions promptly. All of the parade documents can be downloaded at:

http://www.granby-ct.gov/Public_Documents/GranbyCT_225/ParadeCommittee

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to your participation!

Granby 225th Anniversary Parade Committee
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