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Participants, volunteers and sponsors sought for July 4th Parade

Participants, volunteers and sponsors are now being sought for the annual July 4th Parade. June 11 is the deadline to register to be in the parade, which attracted more than 70 organizations last year.

Since July 4 will be on Sunday, the parade will begin at 1 p.m., rather than 10 a.m. as in the past.

However, festivities will get underway at 11:15 a.m. in Longfellow Park, 610 S. Ridgeland Ave., when the *Amazin' Raisin Band* will present a family friendly mix of positive messages, educational and informative music.

Local organizations and businesses are invited to bring a float, march, play music, carry balloons or banners, ride decorated bicycles, skate, drive vintage cars or just dress up to commemorate the nation's birthday and to celebrate Oak Park's rich diversity.

Registration forms are available at Village Hall, 123 Madison St., via email to community@oak-park.us and on the Village website at www.oak-park.us/community.

The Community Relations Commission, which organizes the parade, also needs volunteers on the morning of July 4 to help monitor traffic crossings along the parade route. Sponsorship opportunities also are available for businesses and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services.

Parade participants will line up by Longfellow Center, 610 S. Ridgeland Ave. near Jackson Boulevard, at noon, Sun., July 4. The parade will step off promptly at 1 p.m. and march north on Ridgeland Avenue to Augusta Boulevard and disperse at Whitter School.

Anyone interested in volunteering or being a sponsor should call 708.358.5405 or e-mail community@oak-park.us.

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