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### **Deadline nears to be part of July 4th Parade**

June 13 is the deadline to register to be in the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. 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](mailto:community@oak-park.us) and on the Village website at [www.oak-park.us/community](http://www.oak-park.us/community). More than 70 organizations participated last year.

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 business and organizations interested in helping support this year's parade with money, goods or services.

Parade participants will line up near the Longfellow Center, 610 S. Ridgeland Ave. near Jackson Boulevard, at 9 a.m., Sat., July 4. The parade will step off promptly at 10 a.m. and march north on Ridgeland Avenue to Augusta Street, turning east to disperse near Whittier Elementary School at Harvey Avenue.

Children's entertainment, sponsored by the Park District of Oak Park, will be presented on the school grounds following the parade.

Anyone interested in volunteering or being a sponsor should call 708.358.5406 or e-mail [community@oak-park.us](mailto:community@oak-park.us).

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