

## OPENING NIGHT PARADE RULES and REGULATIONS

**ALL units in the parade are admitted by approval of the Bluffton Free Street Fair Association and its designated Parade Chairs and are subject to all Rules and Regulations of said Association. ALL minors MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

1. Tuesday's Opening Parade begins at 7:00PM. Be in line-up by 6:30PM. Float entries should be in place by 6:00PM for prejudging.
2. Entry Deadline: Tues. Opening Night Parade: Sept. 19, @ 4:00 pm – no Entry fee  
Wed. Antique Car Parade- Band Parade Sept. 20, @ 6:00 pm- no Entry fee  
Thurs. Industrial Parade: Sept. 21, @ 5:00 pm – Entry fee \$60 per unit
3. **NO HANDOUTS ARE PERMITTED IN TUESDAY OPENING NIGHT PARADE!! NO HANDOUTS PERMITTED IN ALL WEDNESDAY PARADES!** Separate Handout rules and Parade rules are posed for Thursday, Industrial Parade. **This will be strictly enforced. All violators will be removed from the parade.**
4. All parade entries should have their name or sponsor visible on their entry. This is required in order to easily identify you for Parade Personnel and Parade watchers. SIGNS, BANNERS, COLORFUL T-Shirts and COSTUMES are excellent ways to identify your unit. We request that for the Opening Night Parade please make an attempt to follow the THEME of the Fair or to show your support for this community festival. BE CREATIVE!!!! **2017 THEME.....** “The Parade Committee suggests that your unit express support for the theme. With your help we can all have an exciting parade atmosphere for all participants and viewers. Decorated Golf Cart Parade Theme is open theme.
5. **LINE-UP:** Tuesday Opening Night: Begins on South Main Street. The first units are the Police vehicles which start at South Street. ALL UNITS ARE ASSIGNED A NUMBER and you will be located in an assigned area at various cross-streets on South Main. **Parade Personnel** on each block will locate your position in that block consistent with your number. Your line-up number will also be published in the *News-Banner* on Monday as well as be published on the city web page and fair web page.
6. **Tuesday (Wednesday)Parade Route:** The parade begins at Main/South Streets and moves North to Main/Market. It then proceeds through the Midway on West Market to South Marion, turns South for 1 block to Washington. Tuesday parade judging is at corner of Main/Market at reviewing stand.
7. **Tuesday (Wednesday) Disbursement of Parade:** All units will be directed for disbursement at Washington Street. PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF PARADE PERSONNEL!! Most units with walkers will be directed to move onto West Washington toward the Methodist Church. PLEASE DO NOT DISBURSE UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO!! Remember if you stop to unload in a non-designated area you also stop the entire parade.
8. **Thursday Industrial parade Route and Disbursement:** Begins at Main/South Street and moves North to Main/Market, turns West on Market to Market/Marion and **URNS NORTH ON MARION** To disburse at Marion/Wabash Street. Police and Parade personnel will direct your disbursement.
9. **AWARDS:** All float awards are presented at Stage on West Washington after the parade. The Parade Chairman's Choice for an outstanding entry will also be presented at this time.

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEARS PARADE!!!!!!**