

## GUIDELINES FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS IN THE RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Thank you for participating in the annual Riverside Township Memorial Day Parade being held on Monday, May 26, 2025.

In an effort to provide safety for all of our spectators and a good experience for our participants and spectators, we are again issuing our safety guidelines for everyone to follow.

- 1. All parade participants must assemble <u>no earlier than 9:00 a.m</u>. in their designated area so that the parade can begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Streets will be blocked early and arriving at your designated lineup position may be difficult if you arrive late. Please let your members know to utilize the side streets of Kossuth, Taylor, Filmore, and Harrison when dropping off participants. Bridgeboro St. will be impassable as will be the upper portions of Palmer, Dauphin, and Whittaker.
- 2. Please be aware that the parade will start at 9:30 a.m. but will stop for a brief time as the Veterans groups perform a brief service at the cemetery on Bridgeboro Street. Many people ask why the parade starts and then stops for a few minutes. This service is to honor those buried in the cemetery so we ask that you please be patient.
- 3. While we can appreciate our participants wanting to mingle with other participants, we do not sanction the throwing of anything at any of our participants, especially by other participants. Please caution your group that throwing things at other participants will not be tolerated.
- 4. If you are throwing candy or objects to the spectators, for the safety of everyone, your candy or object must be thrown to reach the curb line. If this cannot be done, please refrain from throwing things. We have to ensure that our youngest spectators are not in harms way by trying

to retrieve things thrown to them. No silly string is allowed. It is the responsibility of any adults in each group to ensure this. Please use your discretion. If necessary, please pick up or kick the candy to the curb.

- 5. Floats are asked to not stop along the parade route unless there is an emergency. Stopping unnecessarily and for long periods of time impedes the flow of the parade. If your group does any form of a presentation, please keep the stoppages to as brief a time as possible. We do understand that you are performing and entertaining the spectators, but we need to keep the parade moving. Please advise your float drivers about this regulation and that it is important for them to take it seriously.
- 6. <u>Unlike other towns, our parade is completely non-political.</u> Please do not display any political flags or campaign material during the parade. If seen, you will be asked to remove them. Refusal to remove them, will result in you being asked to leave the parade. We honor our servicemen/women on this special day and that is why we ask that no campaigning or electioneering take place while in the parade.

We hope you enjoy yourselves in the parade on Monday, May 26, 2025 much as we enjoy having you. See you there!

**Parade Coordinators** 

## AS A SIDE NOTE, PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEPS, AS RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION THIS YEAR.