



80th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 7 p.m.

FAQs for Parade Participants:

When do I need to submit my entry?

Entry deadline is Friday, September 18, 2026.

What is this year's parade theme?

This year's theme is 'Haunted History: 250 Years of America'

More information on the parade theme and parade marshal is available at www.viennava.gov/halloween.

Are parade applications automatically accepted to participate in the parade?

No, application acceptance is based on entertainment, variety and adherence to the theme and guidelines. Photographs or detailed sketches of your entry are encouraged. Submitting an application does not guarantee your group/organization acceptance to participate in the parade.

How long is the parade?

The parade route is approximately ½ mile long and lasts 1-1/2 hours. Please make sure your group is prepared with warm clothes, comfortable shoes, and flashlights.

What happens if there is bad weather?

The parade is rain or shine!

What categories are there for parade entries?

The categories for judging parade entrants are as follows: Youth Band, Adult Band, Float with Music, Float without Music, Youth Performers, Adult Performers, Elected Official or Political Candidates, Walking Group, Animal Entry and Antique Vehicles.

How are the parade winners selected?

Entries will be judged on creativity and theme interpretation.

What happens if we win?

Winners will be notified in advance by EMAIL only. Parade Winners are presented their awards at an Award Ceremony held at the **November 16, 2026** Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall (127 Center St S). A reception will be held for the winners at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

What do we need to do to submit our application?

- Submit a complete registration packet (all forms in this packet must be completed).
- ALL entries are subject to the approval of the Parade Committee and must abide by the enclosed **REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**. As a reminder, it is against State Law to release balloons into the air. It is also against parade rules to hand out or throw candy, literature, balloons, etc. Any violation of the laws and/or rules and regulations will result in a future parade ban and possible criminal charges.
- All applicants will be notified of entry status by October 12, 2026. If accepted, your LINE-UP NUMBER and detailed information will be included in the packet. **DO NOT CALL THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UNLESS YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR LINE-UP PACKET BY OCTOBER 12, 2026.**

***If you are interested in donating 1000 kid friendly items to the Parade Goodie Bags, please contact Jessica Short at jessica.short@viennava.gov**