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# **Welcome to the Mandan Independence Day Parade!**

We're thrilled to welcome you to the Annual Independence Day Parade in Mandan, North Dakota—a long-standing tradition that brings our community together in celebration of our nation's independence. Whether you're a returning participant or joining us for the first time, we look forward to your contribution in making this a memorable and festive event.

**Please Note:** The <u>staging area and arrival process have changed</u> this year. Please review the updated instructions carefully.

# **Important Parade Details**

- Date: Friday, July 4, 2025
- Parade Start Time: 10:15 AM from West Memorial Highway near Riverwood RV;
   parade reaches Main Street at approximately 10:20 AM
- Float Staging Location: West Memorial Highway (See photo on page 2)

# **Staging Information**

- Staging begins at 7:30 AM. All floats must be in position by 9:45 AM.
- Staging will be conducted in color-coded groups:
  - Red Staging (Units 1–25): 7:30–8:00 AM
  - White Staging (Units 26–50): 8:00–8:30 AM
  - Blue Staging (Units 51–75): 8:30–9:00 AM
- Each float/unit must display **two pre-printed parade numbers**, attached and clearly visible on both sides of the unit **before** entering staging.
  - o [Click here for Official Parade Lineup] (or see attachment in the welcome email)
  - [Click here to download Parade Number PDF]



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### Check-in Instructions:

All floats must enter staging via <u>3rd St SE and Memorial Highway</u>. Traffic control personnel will allow access through road closures and direct you to a parade committee member for check-in.

### Day-of Assembly Instructions:

Participants who need to build, adjust or fix their float must make all changes at <u>Dacotah Centennial Park</u>. Only completed floats will be allowed to enter Memorial Highway for staging, *no additional vehicles will be allowed to enter Memorial Highway*.

# Important Safety Reminder:

Riders are **not permitted** on floats or parade units while being transported to or from the staging area. Participants may board floats **only after check-in** and during the parade itself.

# Drop-Off & Parking:

Participant drop-off should occur on <u>Riverwood Ave. near Riverwood RV</u>. A limited grass lot across from Riverwood RV will be available for parking.

All other participant and support vehicle parking is located at Dacotah Centennial Park

Note: No floats or parade units will be allowed to enter staging from Riverwood Ave.

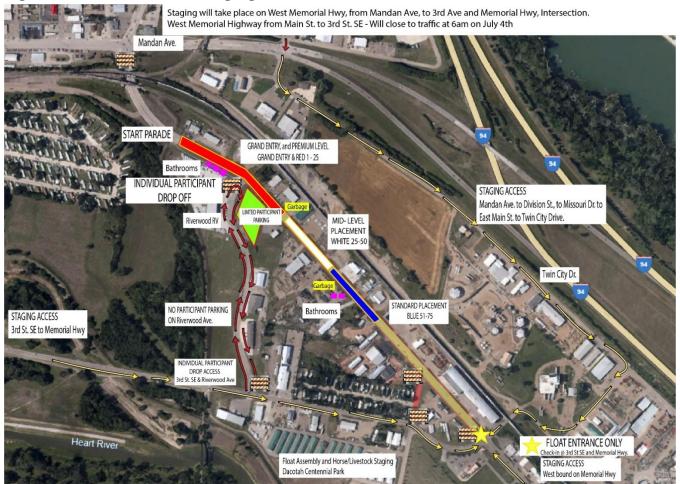
PLEASE REFER TO FIGURE 1 FOR THE MANDAN PARADE STAGING AREA



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Figure 1: Mandan Parade Staging Area



#### **Parade Route**

- 1. Parade begins at West Memorial Highway by Riverwood RV
- 2. Proceeds westbound to Main Street, continuing along Main Street to 10th Ave NW
- 3. At the end of Main Street, turn left on 10th Ave NW, then left again on 3rd St NW
- 4. Proceed east on 3rd St NW to Dacotah Centennial Park for float disassembly
- 5. Floats will not return to the Memorial Highway staging area

Please refer to Figure 2 for the 2025 Mandan Parade Route.



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Figure 2: 2025 Mandan Parade Route



### The Parade Experience

Get ready for a vibrant and exciting celebration that highlights the spirit and creativity of Mandan! We encourage all participants to decorate their floats and vehicles, represent their organizations proudly and help us create a festive atmosphere for parade-goers of all ages.

# Parade Rules & Regulations

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved, please review the full list of [Parade Rules].

### Key reminders:

- Maintain safe vehicle speeds
- Keep music volume reasonable
- Only gently toss candy while walking on the route and not from floats or vehicles.
- Ensure respectful conduct throughout the event

Following these rules helps us preserve the integrity and safety of this beloved community tradition.

# **Participant Waiver Required**



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All parade participants are required to complete a [Participant Waiver]. This ensures the safety of everyone involved and is necessary for your registration to be considered complete. Please fill out the waiver as soon as possible and share with all participants.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for being part of this year's celebration—we can't wait to see your creativity on display and to celebrate Independence Day with you in Mandan!

# Happy 4th of July!

— The Mandan Parade Committee