

## Its A Whole Lot More Than Just A Parade

Dear Valued North Portland Neighbors and Friends. We're reaching out to let you know we have started our planning and contributions for the 59th annual St. Johns Parade that starts at 12 noon on May 11, 2024.

Let me share a story about the St. Johns Parade. Here it goes: Once upon a time, in the vibrant neighborhood of St. Johns in North Portland, there was an annual event that brought the community together like no other - the St. Johns Parade. This wasn't just any parade; it was a tradition, a celebration of community spirit that had been held every year since 1962.

The second Saturday of May was a day marked on every calendar in St. Johns. As the day approached, the air buzzed with anticipation. Volunteers from all walks of life came together, dedicating their time and energy to make this event a success.

On the day of the parade, the streets of St. Johns transformed into a carnival of joy and unity. The parade began promptly at noon, with the sun shining brightly overhead. The streets were lined with excited spectators, their faces beaming with joy and their hands ready to wave at the passing floats. The parade was a spectacle to behold. There were floats of all kinds, each one more creative and vibrant than the last. Bands played lively tunes that had everyone tapping their feet, and drill teams performed routines that were a testament to their hard work and dedication. And let's not forget the horses, their hooves clip-clopping on the pavement, adding a touch of majesty to the parade.

But the St. Johns Parade was more than just a visual spectacle. It was a celebration of the community's diversity and inclusivity. Everyone was welcome to participate, regardless of age. It was a platform for cultural expression, a place where everyone could showcase their unique identities. As the last float passed by and the crowd began to disperse, there was a sense of contentment in the air. The St. Johns Parade was not just an event; it was a testament to the power of community. It was a reminder that when people come together, they can create something beautiful and memorable.

And so, the tradition continues. Every year, the St. Johns Parade brings the community together, celebrating their unity and diversity. It's a day of joy, a day of celebration, and most importantly, a day of community.

It's a story that continues to be written with each passing year. Be a part of something special, Donate, Volunteer.



Fun For The Entire Family

Please consider making a contribution to help ensure the St. Johns Parade story continues. Here are several reasons:

- **Community Spirit:** The parade is a long-standing tradition that brings the community together. Supporting the parade helps to foster a sense of community spirit and unity.
- **Cultural Expression:** The parade provides a platform for cultural expression, allowing different groups within the community to showcase their unique identities. Supporting the parade helps to promote diversity and inclusivity.
- **Economic Support:** The parade attracts spectators from all over the Northwest, providing economic support for local businesses. Supporting the parade can therefore also support the local economy.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** The parade provides opportunities for community members to get involved, regardless of their background or experience. Supporting the parade can provide valuable volunteer experiences and skill development.
- **Preservation of Tradition:** The St. Johns Parade has been a beloved event for decades. Supporting the parade helps to preserve this important community tradition for future generations.

In conclusion, supporting the St. Johns Parade can have a positive impact on the individual, the community, and the local economy. We hope you will support our efforts. You can make contributions online using PayPal on our website. Please come out to enjoy Parade Day and experience a St. Johns Tradition!

  
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Its A St Johns Tradition!**