

LAKEWOOD FOREST'S PATRIOTIC PARADE SATURDAY, JULY 3 at the Lakewood Forest Residents' Club

Volunteers Needed

Make plans now to come out on **Saturday, July 3**, and join the neighborhood's celebration of the 245th anniversary of our nation's founding. The annual Patriotic Parade, sponsored by your Lakewood Forest Civic Association, is a fun family event for all ages.

The Parade itself starts at 9:30 a.m. from the Lakewood Forest Residents' Club, 15006 Lakewood Forest Drive. Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome to participate in the parade, but only those who register are eligible to be judged for their costumes and decorations. There are seven categories for judging (see below) plus the overall top male and female awards.

We will have registration in the LRC pool area for the walkers, bike riders, and wagon pullers/riders. The pool house bathrooms will be open to everyone prior to the parade.

If you are in a decorated vehicle or are pulling a float, we will have curbside registration for you. All vehicles and floats will need to line up on Lakeview Place (the street running next to LRC that leads to The Woods Private School). Just like Whataburger and Chick-fil-A drive-throughs, we will come to you and get you registered.

The Parade will return to the LRC where we will gather in the pool area for post-parade activities. These include cooling down with ice-cold bottled water, plus other treats and the presentation of awards and trophies, all sponsored by your Civic Association. There will also be an ice cream cart sponsored by the Lakewood Forest Fund. The pool area's bathrooms will also be available.

The LRC pool will be open for all at no charge for the day, so bring or wear your bathing suit and take the LRC plunge.

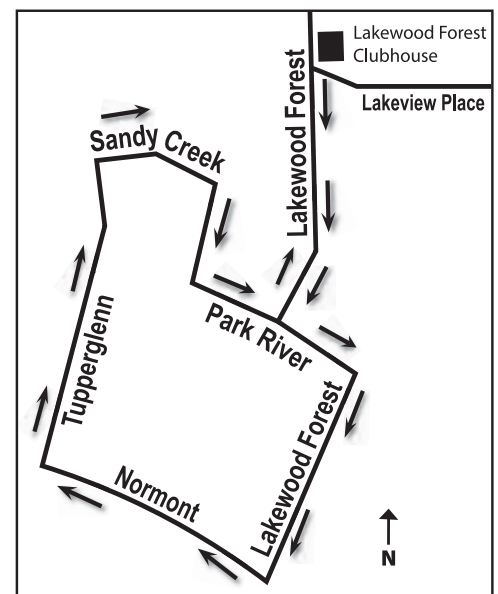
Parade Route (see map at right)

The parade will start off at 9:30 a.m. led by our constables and the Cypress Creek Fire Department. The route starts at the LRC clubhouse and goes in clockwise fashion as follows: south on Lakewood Forest Drive to Park River Drive, left on Park River Drive to Lakewood Forest Drive, right on Lakewood Forest Drive to Normont Drive, right on Normont Drive to Tupperglen Drive, right on Tupperglen Drive to Sandy Creek Drive, right on Sandy Creek Drive and follow the curve to Park River Drive, left on Park River Drive to Lakewood Forest Drive, and left on Lakewood Forest Drive back to the Lakewood Residents' Club and into the pool area through the pool gate.

If you live along the parade route, or on Lakeview Place, **kindly remove any vehicles you have parked along the curb that Saturday morning** until after the parade. We will send out a postcard reminder to the affected houses several days prior.

The parade route will be lined with American flags the day before the Parade, so keeping your yard watered helps a lot with flag setting. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Participation and Judging

Kids, parents, grandparents, grandkids, and pets – all are welcome to participate. Also invited are Scout troops, clubs, teams, and other organized (or disorganized!) groups. Walkers, bike riders, wagon riders, decorated cars and floats, antique and classic cars can join us for a fun parade through the neighborhood. Decorate those bikes and wagons and vehicles, plan a patriotic costume, or just wear the red, white and blue. It's up to you.

The three best entries in each category will receive ribbons, with trophy for First Place. The top entries overall will be awarded the highly coveted and prestigious George Washington (male) and Betsy Ross (female) trophies. Remember, you must be registered in order to be eligible for judging and an award!

Patriotic Categories

- 0-5 years (with parent)
- 6-8 years (with parent)
- 9-16 years
- Adults
- Groups and teams
- Decorated vehicles and floats
- Patriotic pets (must be on a leash at all times with owner prepared to clean up after)

Volunteering

Like every year, the event could not happen without the volunteer efforts of people just like you. We need judges, registrars, flag setters/retrievers, cleanup help, and go-fers.

High schoolers, you can earn valuable community service volunteer hours by helping us out! With many hands, the work is light and fun and all we need is just a bit of your time. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Jodi Cole at 817-668-5634 or lakewoodforestcivicassociation@gmail.com.

Parking and Overflow Parking

The circular drive area of the LRC will be reserved parking for constables, Cypress Creek VFD, Cypress Creek EMS, etc. Please park in the large open lot near the pool gate area or in the curb cutout area across the street. Please do not park curbside in front of the LRC along Lakewood Forest Drive, as the street will be much too full to allow for that. Overflow parking will be available at The Woods Private School parking lot.

Look for any last-minute updates on the NextDoor website.

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