



Arlington 4th of July Parade

April 21st, 2003

An informational newsletter for the community

A letter from the President

of the Arlington 4th of July Association

Proud to be an American-our 2003 parade theme could not be more timely. As Americans watched, the statue of Saddam Hussein fell and, at the same time, we were witnessing the courage of American POWs like young Jessica. We have so many heroes to honor this year: young and not-so-young, men and women, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, daughters and sons. US troops around the world and at home that keep us safe and deserve our prayers and our gratitude. What better way to show support than to participate in this 4th of July Parade here in our hometown of Arlington?

We strongly encourage you to join us this Thursday at 7:00 pm at the central library downtown for our Annual Parade Fair and turn in your application-62 slots are already reserved. At the Parade Fair you can learn about

constructing floats, locate a towing vehicle, reserve a spot in the AISD Bus barn (there are only 28), and ask questions about any aspect of the parade and **TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION**. Our Parade Fair is for the participants—especially if you're a novice-- to attend. You can pick up a wealth of information, and maybe rub elbows with some veterans of past parades who can offer valuable tips. We'll have the trophies available for viewing, and you can find out about the parade route and order t-shirts (or at least view this year's design), as well as viewing the historical scrapbooks of prior parades for ideas.

Until April 24th, if you have any questions, please refer to our website at <http://www.arlington4th.com> or call and leave us a message on our voice mail at 817-303-5700. Someone will return your call with an answer as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing everyone on APRIL 24th at the Parade Fair!

Proudly and Sincerely,

*Robert S. Miles, President
Arlington 4th of July Parade Association*

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

The famous *Patriots Marching Band* from Minnesota is coming to Arlington!

Join us in welcoming to our parade lineup this year, the nationally known Patriots Marching Band. The Patriots are in their 15th season as a collaborative effort between St Anthony Village and Spring Lake High Schools in the north suburbs of Minneapolis. Marching in precision-military style, the Patriots wear red, white and blue uniforms and play a medley of patriotic tunes, including such favorites as ***This is My Country, Battle Hymn of the Republic,*** and ***The Stars and Stripes Forever***. *This band is nationally recognized and has won major parade competitions in Calgary; Washington, DC; California; Colorado; Michigan and Massachusetts. The Patriots are led by Drum Major Nick Patrek, Band Commander Rachel Silver, and Auxiliary Commander Katie Muenchow. We think they will be a great addition to our Parade this year, and one you won't want to miss!*

Our Parade theme this year is:

“PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN”

And our Parade will be dedicated to:

“OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE”





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MEETING SCHEDULE

April 24th Parade Fair
 (Applications DEADLINE, bus barn slot sign-up, Q & A's, & scrapbooks on display)

May 15th General Meeting
 (Grand Marshal announced,
 T-shirt design winners announced)

***June 19th General Meeting**
 (Packets handed out)
 *date changed from the 26th

July 4th – PARADE DAY!

General Meetings are open to the public, and are held at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the George W. Hawkes Central Library at 101 East Abram Street, downtown Arlington. See our website for a map: <http://www.arlington4th.com>

IMPORTANT! In order to be in the 2003 4th of July Parade, your registration packet MUST be turned in or postmarked by Thursday, April 24th!

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:
Supplemental forms and 100-word announcer's scripts are due in by **MAY 15th!**

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We would like to extend our sincere apologies for leaving Arlington GM Truck Assembly off our sponsor list in the last newsletter. They are loyal supporters of our parade, our community, and our country.

