



Arlington 4th of July Parade

June 3rd, 2004

An informational newsletter for the community

Letter from the President: of the Arlington 4th of July Association

The USA Independence Day Parade in Arlington will have its 39th showing on Saturday, July 3rd, 2004. We celebrate 228 years of independence in this great nation. It is this freedom, this creed, penned by Thomas Jefferson, in 1776 that gives us pride and motivation for the betterment of ourselves and this world in which we live. Our Declaration of Independence exclaims: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." July 4th reminds us of the importance of this ideal and at what cost it comes to us. The Arlington 4th of July Association's mission is to promote the celebration of our independence as a reminder of its significance.

This year's theme "Of Thee I Sing" allows each entry to declare as well, its anthem to the USA. There are over 60 new organizations participating this year, so come and see a completely different parade than you have seen before. I am sure that within those anthems

our service men and women are remembered and respected for their willingness and dedication to protect and preserve those inalienable rights for us, as well as those that are not as fortunate.

Please remember to thank our sponsors. They are listed in this newsletter and on the web site. We thank them profusely for their support so that this family oriented community event can happen each year. It is a community tradition that should continue due to all those volunteers and interested parties that work so hard every year to make it fun.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th

Please Be sure to support our Troops!

Cordially,
Brett Bell, President
Arlington 4th of July Association

If you have questions prior to June 9th, please refer to our Website:
<http://www.arlington4th.com>.
You can also email us (see website) or leave us a voicemail at 817-303-5700.

Please Do Not Forget, the June 9th General Meeting

IMPORTANT—this last meeting is **MANDATORY** for all Parade Participants. The Entry Marshal for each entry must attend and pick up their Parade Packet containing essential materials and instructions for 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: www.arlington4th.com.

Grand Marshals Announced

The Arlington 4th of July Association is proud to announce its 2004 Grand Marshals. Arlington's longtime proponents of music and retired AISD music directors, Jane Ellis and Dean Corey will be honored at the Fourth of July Parade this year. Dean Corey's wife, Becky Corey, and Jane Ellis will be the parade's Grand Marshals. Refer to the website for the announcement in the Star-Telegram.



Presenting the Winning Design for the 2004 Arlington 4th of July Parade T-Shirt

The artist who created the above artwork is Joshua Perry, a senior at Sam Houston High.School. Each year a design competition is held among Arlington area schools. The winning design is printed on t-shirts to be sold as a fundraiser by Ulster Project Arlington. T-shirts can be ordered at the June 9th General Meeting.

**SEE OUR SPONSOR LIST
& SCHEDULE ON THE BACK!**

Entry Marshal Duties:

Each entry in the Parade is required to appoint an entry marshal to facilitate the smooth and efficient operation of their entry within the parade lineup area, through the route and back to the parking lot. The Entry Marshal for each entry is required to:

1. Know parade rules for your entry and ensure compliance. (You may download a copy of the rules from our website: www.arlington4th.com.)
2. Be available to parade officials for relaying information to your entry in the assembly area and along the parade route.
3. Make sure that entry number is properly placed on your entry.
4. Keep your entry together and organized in the lineup area
5. Accompany your entry during parade.
6. Control entry speed on parade route to maintain proper interval (40-60 ft.) between entries ahead and behind. *If a gap develops—close it up.*
7. Ensure safety of entry and participants. Be safe!

If you have any questions, contact Kevin Donovan, 817-274-3093 (home), 817-299-8059 (work), kevindonovan@sbcglobal.net (email).

Our Parade Theme this year is:

"OF THEE I SING"

And Our Parade is Dedicated to:

**"ALL THOSE THAT KEEP
THE MUSIC COMING"**



BREAKFAST will be available at the STAGING AREA on July 3rd

The TEXAS CHEFS ASSOCIATION, Ft. Worth Chapter will be back this year to provide breakfast, snacks, and drinks at their tent in the line-up area before the Parade. So don't forget to bring a little money when you line up!

They are one of 14 Chapters in Texas and consist of professional chefs, educators, and members of the culinary industry. This will be a fundraiser to help with established scholarship funds of their Chapter.

They will also have material available about their organization and some live demos by their chefs. Please stop by their Tent and see what they are all about while you are waiting to start marching down main for the RED, WHITE and BLUE!!!

MEETING SCHEDULE

June 9th

General Meeting

(Packets handed out-MANDATORY FOR ALL ENTRIES)

Saturday, July 3rd

PARADE DAY!

(9:00 a.m. Parade

1:30 p.m. Awards

Ceremony at City Hall)

All General Meetings are open to the public and held at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the George W. Hawkes Central Library at 101 East Abram St., downtown Arlington, see our website for a map:

www.arlington4th.com

Bus Barn Reminder:

There are still a few spaces left...first come first served.

- Even entries whose floats are being built by Clyde Watts will need to pay the \$25 fee.
- Also, a few participants still need to provide either an agreement or the fee.

ATTENTION: Do you need a towing vehicle to pull a float? Contact Brian Mosley of Antique Tractors at 817-572-1927.

The Arlington 4th of July Association would like to thank the following for their sponsorship and support. Without them this parade would not be possible!

City of Arlington

Comcast

Accent Awards

A.E. Petsche Co., Inc.

Arlington Board of Realtors

Star Telegram

Domino's

J.C. Duncan Companies

The Duncan Family

General Motors

Six Flags Over Texas

Westlake's Arlington Hardware

Arlington ISD

Mini Warehouse

The University of Texas at Arlington

**Published by:
Arlington 4th of July Association
P.O. Box 1776
Arlington, TX 76004-1776**

