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**In response to COVID-19, the 2020 Parade will be VIRTUAL.**

Participants will be given a block of time and geographic in which to drive around. Community members are to take photos of the entries they find and post to the Facebook Page. The community member with the most photos wins the prize. Honorees will receive signage acknowledging the category each represents. Any unit floats will be displayed together at a specified location for viewing for 1 hour for those wishing to take photos.

Winners will be announced via the Juneteenth website and arrangements made for prize pick up.

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The **Denton Juneteenth Celebration Parade** is an event during the annual celebration commemorating the Emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy. Since the holiday changes days of the week, the parade is normally held on the Saturday of the weekend before the annual holiday unless Juneteenth lands on a weekend. If Juneteenth Falls on the weekend, the parade is held the Saturday of the weekend.

**Honorees:** The parade features three honorees: Grand Marshall, Mr. and/or Mrs. Juneteenth, Mr. and/or Mrs. Community Service. Nominations are taken from the community during January and the committee chooses the winner. The winners are notified by April.

**Qualifications for Juneteenth Parade Honorees:**

- Nominees should be selected based on their outstanding contributions to the Denton Community. Areas of contribution to be considered are education, social, recreation, government, political, health, youth welfare, education and business. Highly considered contributions are volunteering, generosity, leadership roles and civic engagement.
- Nominees should be seen as role models to the community as a whole and reside or work in Denton County.
- Nominees must submit a photograph and short biography for Parade promotion.
- Nominees must submit to having their photograph and biography published on the Denton Juneteenth website and in the annual book.
- Nominees must agree to participate in the parade and decorate their unit.

**Entries:**

A person or organization can enter the parade. Drivers must have automotive insurance.

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**Types of Entries:** Acceptable entries are floats, walkers, bikes/scooters, skaters, horses, or automobiles. Other units can be approved by committee chair. Entries should be decorated.

**Judging:** A panel of three community members will judge the parade entries on

- Use of Theme (1-3points)
- Creativity (1-3 points)
- Spirit (1-3 points)

**Parade Time:** Parade begins at 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Parade line-up begins in Civic Center Parking Lot, follows the approved route and concludes at Fred Moore Park.

**Awards:** Immediately following the parade, at least one representative should meet Committee members at the C.H. Collins Stage (Fred Moore Park). Participants that registered on time are recognized. Category prizes are awarded.

**Parade Rules:**

- Parade registration gives consent for photographs and videos. to be
- Parade number obtained upon arrival and must be displayed prominently on the right front corner of the Parade entry. Floats without visible Parade numbers will not be judged or considered for participation points.
- Float must not exceed 13 feet tall.
- Float may be constructed on top of a vehicle or a trailer pulled on a vehicle.
- Float must finish the parade in the same condition in which it entered.
- Candy or giveaways: All items must be walked to the side of the road and handed to the recipient.
- Entries should be consistent with the theme: Unity in the Community.
- Any material may be used during construction so long as it does not violate any City/State/Federal ordinances or environmental standards.
- Entries should be constructed for spectators on both sides of the street to view.
- There is no limit to the number people allowed on true floats. Decorated automobiles should follow the law.
- Prize eligibility requires entries to participate in and complete the parade.
- Prizes are awarded at the end of the parade.
- In the event of bad weather, Committee Chair and President will notify registrants of final plan.
- Only one float per business/organization is eligible to receive a prize or Certificate of Participation.
- Judges decisions are final. In the case of a tie, the Committee Chair will make the final decision.

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