



Mardi Gras Parade Application - 2026

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

7:00 PM · Downtown Dunedin

Thank you for your interest in the Mardi Gras Parade, presented in partnership by the City of Dunedin and Dunedin Chamber of Commerce. **Applications are accepted until February 6th.**

Today's Date

Your Name & Title

Business / Organization

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Person

Title

Email Address

Primary Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Type of Entry (check one): Non-Profit Organization Unit (\$150) Band Unit (\$150)

Individual/Commercial Unit (\$250)

Parade Unit: Walking Only Vehicle/Float Only Walking with Vehicle/Float

Description of Unit or Float: _____

List any items you may be handing out: _____

Will you be playing music: Yes No

Walkers (max of 50): # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____ Total # of Walkers: _____

Riders: # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____ Total # of Riders: _____

Vehicle: Make, Model, Year & Color: _____

Vehicle Length (include truck and trailer length): _____

Vehicle is insured with: _____

Policy Number: _____

Please initial that you have read and will adhere to the following:

____ I have read, understand, and will adhere to all rules, policies and guidelines outlined on the following pages.

____ I agree to assume the risk of all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless City of Dunedin, its sponsors, officers, directors, agents and employees for any acts or omissions which may result in theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during or as a consequence of the parade.

Vehicles & Drivers:

____ I have included a copy of my Driver's License and Insurance Card.

____ I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage and liability, and to provide proof of such insurance to City of Dunedin. Businesses with commercial auto policies entering a float or operating a motor vehicle must provide the City of Dunedin with a Certificate of Insurance including \$1,000,000 minimum liability coverage and naming the City of Dunedin as additionally insured.

Signature

Date

Parade Packet:

All parade packets will be emailed out to the parade representative.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 6th:

By Mail or In Person:

Dunedin Parks & Recreation
Attn: Mardi Gras Parade
1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin, FL 34698

By Email:

Alicia.Castricone@Dunedin.gov

Questions? Call 727-298-3265

Event Information & Details: www.Dunedin.gov/events

Parade FAQs and Guidelines

You are an important part of this event, and the City of Dunedin puts safety first. As such, please review the following information carefully and completely.

If you have any questions, need more details, or have ideas for improvement, please email the Parade Committee at Alicia.Castricone@Dunedin.gov

General Rules & Guidelines:

1. The parade route runs north along Douglas Avenue, from Beltrees Street to Skinner Blvd/580.
2. All parade units are required to be decorated in the Mardi Gras theme.
3. All units are encouraged to have amplified or live music.
4. For safety reasons, no lollipops or candy with sticks are allowed.
5. All drivers/operators of any motorized vehicles must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and provide proof of a valid state-issued driver's license and proof of insurance, including carrier name and policy numbers. See attached "Vehicle Owner and Driver Form" – this form must be completed and accompany your parade application.
6. **All units with vehicles and generators must have a fire extinguisher on the unit. The fire extinguisher must say 2A10BC.**
7. Businesses with commercial auto policies entering a float or operating a motor vehicle must provide the City of Dunedin with a Certificate of Insurance including \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate? City of Dunedin must be listed as additionally insured under the Descriptions of Operations / Locations / Vehicles section of the Certificate of Liability form.
8. For the safety of our parade, participants and spectators, any unit that is determined to be unsafe by Parade Officials will not be allowed to participate.

Line-Up & Staging Area:

1. Parade line-up begins at 6:00 PM. Refer to the parade packet for your assigned line-up number. Your entire unit must be in line before 6:45 PM. **Parade starts promptly at 7:00 PM.**
2. The staging area will be on Douglas Avenue, from Beltrees Street to Union Street.
3. All floats should approach Douglas Avenue from the south via Union Street.
4. All units will find their parade number position plainly marked on numbered signs along Douglas Avenue. Even-numbered units line-up on the east side of Douglas Ave; odd-numbered units line-up on the west side of Douglas Avenue.

Once the Parade Begins:

1. Keep moving! Do not stop to perform or mingle. Each entry **MUST keep pace** with the unit that precedes it to prevent gaps between units.
2. Once the parade is moving, **maintain ten (10) feet** behind the unit immediately ahead of you, unless otherwise instructed by a Parade Official. Parade Officials will be wearing orange vests.
3. Spectator and participant safety are of paramount importance. Therefore, due to the risk involved, to prevent injuries, **Do not throw any items with sharp edges or sticks.**
4. Everyone must **be behind the vehicle** and not interacting with the moving vehicle.
5. Drivers should be dressed in appropriate fashion to complement their entry.

End of Parade / Disbanding of Units:

1. Walkers should continue to the left of the "Parade End" sign and proceed north to Skinner Blvd. Turn left on the sidewalk to the Pinellas Trail. Continue down the trail back towards downtown.
2. Vehicles should continue to the right of the "Parade End" sign.
 - a. Those that need to unload or fasten down their float - merge left between the cones to park. Once unloaded, vehicles can merge back into the proper lane, continue north on Douglas Avenue to Skinner Blvd and exit right.
 - b. Those that do not need to stop - should continue to the right of the "Parade End" sign and continue north on Douglas Avenue to Skinner Blvd and exit right.