

*FROM THE OFFICE OF  
THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT*  
**ANGELO "SKIP" SAVIANO**

April, 2014

Dear Local Business Owner,

As part of our Village Centennial Celebration, we are planning a full-day of celebrating on July 4th in Elmwood Park this year. It begins with our 4th of July Parade and ends with a festival at the high school with food, drinks, bands and a spectacular fireworks show.

This year we want to make the parade better than ever and I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to join us. We want to bolster participation and showcase our community.

I hope you will be part of this year's celebration and parade. I have enclosed an information brochure and an application which is due on or before June 1st.

I hope to see you in the parade!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angelo 'Skip' Saviano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angelo "Skip" Saviano  
Village President

**ELMWOOD PARK CENTENNIAL**  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Application**  
**APPLICATIONS DUE BY: JUNE 1st**

Company or Organization:

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Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On-Site Contact Person:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Floats: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Cars: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Marchers: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 Parade Fee: \$100.00 Each Entry**  
**No Charge** for Not For Profit Organizations

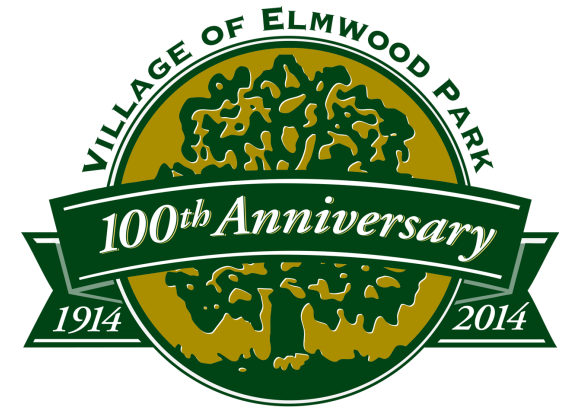
Please return application along with your check  
made payable to the

**Village of Elmwood Park.**

Please note your placement in the parade will be  
determined by the receipt date of your application,  
(No entries will be allowed without the completed  
application).



Village of  
**Elmwood Park**  
11 Conti Parkway  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707



# 2014 Centennial

## 4th of July Parade

### Information and Application

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**JUNE 1st**

## Float / Driver Information

The following rules and regulations for the parade have been established to make the parade safe and enjoyable for the participants and the spectators. Each member is a representative of your organization and must follow all of the rules.

### Rules and Regulations

1. Entries determined to be of commercial nature (business vehicles, vans, product displays, etc.) will be charged \$100.
2. Commercial entries must be patriotic.
3. Entries are to be at their designated line-up position by 9:45 AM and remain in their assigned position during the parade, unless instructed otherwise by a parade marshal or police officer.
4. **Liability insurance and safety dictate that no objects may be thrown from any parade entry. Encouraging spectators to enter the street could create a dangerous situation. CANDY cannot be thrown from entries. You can walk along the parade route with your entry and distribute candy.**
5. Any parade entry participating in activities, which in the opinion of the Parade Marshal could endanger public safety, will be ejected from the parade. Such activities include, but are not limited to unsafe vehicle speed or operation, and allowing spectators to climb on or off the entry during the parade,
6. The parade is a family event, so no offensive language, song lyrics, clothing or gestures will be allowed. Volume of amplified music must be at a reasonable level as determined by the Parade Marshals or police officers.
7. **Alcoholic beverages of any type cannot be consumed by parade participants during the parade or in the line-up area. Any participant who has been drinking alcohol will not be allowed to remain in the parade.**

1. Parade entry registration shall only be accepted in writing, via either a completed Official 2013 Freedom Festival Parade Entry Registration Form. Entry deadline is 5pm, Friday, June 14th, 2013.
2. A Parade Marshal will be on duty in each staging area as well as at various locations along the parade route to insure the smooth and orderly progression of the set up and of the parade itself. Marshals will have the authority to remove any unit (entry) causing a delay, violating official festival parade rules, or failing to cooperate.
3. Parade line-up and staging will begin at 8:45 am, Thursday, July 4th, All entries must be in position and ready by 9:45 am.
4. All units (entries) must check-in upon arrival with a Parade Marshal and be directed to their assigned staging area. All units (entries) must keep a representative with the entry at all times within the assigned staging area.
5. Parade will promptly begin at 10:00 am
6. Under no circumstances shall any participant, unit or entry move to a different position within the parade line-up, before or during the parade, except under the direction of a Parade Marshal. Riding participants will not be permitted to jump off and back on units/entries while the parade is in progress.
7. Proper unit spacing and parade pace is critical. Parade speed will maintain approximately four (4) feet per second. Voluntary stopping for drill formation, reverse marching by bands or drill teams cannot exceed 45 seconds.
8. Participants riding in vehicles or trailers must provide their own vehicles and drivers. Insurance and liability are the sole responsibility of participants.
9. Support vehicles for marching units will not be allowed in the parade.
10. Candy may be SAFELY given or tossed (NEVER THROWN OVER-HANDED) to the parade spectators. Any participants caught throwing candy or objects in the intent to harm any person or group, will be asked to exit the parade and may disqualify their entry from the parade float contest, if applicable.
11. Any unit whose sole purpose, as determined by the Parade Committee, is for advertising only, must meet these specific guidelines:
12. (a) Participants must provide their own signage; (b) Signs must be in good taste, or they will be disallowed.
13. These rules are subject to change on short notice. Advance notice will be given appropriately. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in unit member or entire unit (entry) removal from the parade (even if in progress) and/or future participation banning.
14. Review the route necessary to move float from building location to parade line-up area, Conti Parkway and the route back for tree height. It is very important the float can pass through Elmwood Park Streets.
15. All floats drawn by a motorized vehicle must use a proper hitching device. For example: pin hitch must have a safety pin hitch and safety chains are required on all trailers.
16. If your float is self-propelled or has a gasoline-powered generator, you must have a minimum ABC rated fire extinguisher.
17. Only cars that are registered will be allowed into the line-up area. If physical limitations prevent you from walking from to the line-up point, you will have to make arrangements to meet your unit **BEFORE** it enters the line-up area.
18. Floats/Entries should maintain a distance no greater than 100 feet behind the unit ahead. If the parade stops, fill the gap to 50 feet. Return to 100-foot spacing again when the parade starts moving.