

**Mardi Gras
2012
Downtown Vicksburg**

The Vicksburg Main Street Program will be sponsoring the 2012 Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m. for the parade!

If you have any questions please contact the Vicksburg Main Street Office by calling 601-634-4527 or by emailing mainstreet@vicksburg.org



Vicksburg Main Street Program
Mardi Gras Parade
Saturday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Unit Application Form

The organization named herein requests consideration as a participant in the Mardi Gras Parade. The undersigned warrants that he/she is empowered to sign for the applying organization and that he/she has read and understands the provisions set forth in the "General Parade Regulations" section of the instructions received with this application form.

Covenant Not to Sue and Indemnification Agreement

The undersigned, does hereby, agree to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold-harmless Vicksburg Main Street Program, a Mississippi non-profit corporation (hereinafter "Main Street) and The Mayor and Alderman of the City of Vicksburg, hereinafter, ("City") from any claims, demands, causes of action at law or in equity, brought by any party, and loss or damage, monetary or other, arising from those claims, demands, causes of action at law or in equity, whether because of anything done, omitted or allowed to be done by the undersigned, its agents, participants, employees and/or representatives and particularly on account of any possible loss or damages arising out of as a result of participation by the undersigned in this event.

The undersigned has read the 2012 Mardi Gras Parade Regulations for the Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade, sponsored by the Vicksburg Main Street Program and agrees to abide by them.

In addition, the undersigned promises not to assert against Main Street or the City, in any court of law, any claim or claims arising out of or as a result of participants of the undersigned in this event.

This agreement is binding on the undersigned, its agents, participants, employees, and/or representatives and their successors and assigns.

Signature

Date

**2012 Downtown Vicksburg's Mardi Gras Parade
Unit and Point of Contact Information Form**
(Please print or type)

Entries must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, February 3, 2012!

1. Name of participating unit: _____
2. Unit mailing address and zip code: _____
(Please put address where mail will be received) _____
3. Organization Contact person: _____
4. Telephone Numbers: _____
5. E-mail address: _____
6. Group classification (Please Circle)
 - A. School: Athletic Team, Bands, Cheerleaders, Clubs, ROTC, Other.
 - B. Organizations:

<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic League	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Clubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Pageant
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Riding Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Scouts
<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Auto/Motorcycle Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
7. Description of entry: _____

**8. Please supply information to be read by the parade announcers (TV23)
in 50 words or less (Please provide separate sheet of paper, if necessary):**

9. Please mark one of the following:

- \$25.00 Registration Fee – For Non-Profit/Civic
 \$50.00 Registration Fee – For Profit/Business
 \$50.00 Registration Fee – For Non-Profit/ Civic *After Feb. 3, 2012*
 \$100.00 Registration Fee – For Profits/Business *After Feb. 3, 2012*

Please make checks payable to the Vicksburg Main Street Program.

**Please enclose your non-refundable registration fee along with
the Unit & Point of Contact Info form, and Unit Application form and mail it to
the Vicksburg Main Street Program, P.O. Box 150, Vicksburg, MS 39180**

2012 Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade Regulations

Sponsored By: Vicksburg Main Street Program

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Saturday, February 18, 2012 – 4:00 P.M

1. No individual or unit will be allowed to take part in the parade without the prior approval of the Main Street Program Parade committee and submittal of an application. Units may participate by means of riding a float (a trailer pulled by a truck) riding in the back of a pickup truck, riding motorcycles or 4-wheelers, or walking.
2. All individuals and organizations participating in the parade are subject, while in the City of Vicksburg, to the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction. Failure to adhere to those laws and regulations or to obey the lawful command of an official empowered to give such command will be cause for immediate removal from the parade and may be cause for arrest and/or fine.
3. The conduct and movement of the parade will be controlled by Parade Marshals assigned for that purpose. Participants will obey the direction of the Marshals and all guidelines as they relate to the parade. **Failure to do so will cause the offending individual or unit to be removed from the parade and disqualified from all awards.**
4. All marching units are to proceed with forward motion only. Short routines (2-3 minutes) may be performed provided the parade is not considerably delayed. **No more than 1 stop will be allowed during the parade.** TV 23 will be set-up on the street and the judges will be on the balcony of the former "The Valley" building. **This will be the best area for your one allowed stop.**
5. Children under third-grade level (age 8) will not be allowed to march in the parade. Children under age 12 riding in float must be accompanied by 2 adults. **There also needs to be 1 walker on either side of all moving vehicle/float.**
6. There is to be no use of firearms or fireworks at any point in the parade.
7. **Parade participants are expected to perform in good taste conducive to a family atmosphere and in the spirit of Mardi Gras. Marshals will remove any person or unit who in their sole discretion is in violation of this rule.**
8. Floats cannot exceed thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches in height and sixteen (16) feet in width. All floats are also required to have fire extinguisher & Fix-A-Flat on board each float.
9. For each float unit, trailer truck, or any other moving vehicle (except for motorcycles & 4-wheelers) there are to be 2 people walking at the front corners of the float or vehicle, and 2 people walking at the rear corners. These people are the responsibility of the unit and their purpose is to insure that spectators do not come out to the vehicle or try to cross between the vehicles. **If a unit desires to have a float display or some type of moving display, the walkers will be required to carry 2" PVC pipe the length of the float.**

10. A parade unit shall consist of: a decorated float (pulled by a motorized vehicle), a marching band, a riding club, a marching group representing an organization or a flag corps, car, truck, or a truck with a trailer. Motor vehicles, i.e., cars and trucks, must be decorated consistent with the parade theme.

11. Floats Units – There will be a Float contest with first and second place trophies in the following categories: (1) Best Non-Profit, (2) Best Business (3) Most Original, and (4) Most Enthusiastic, and (5) Best in Show. Judging will be along the parade route. This year we added a new category. (6) Best Throw.

12. There will be a maximum of 75 units in the parade: Bands, Floats, Marching Units, Antique Cars, Trucks, etc. Units will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

13. While a big part of Mardi Gras is the throwing of the beads and similar items, care must be exercised. While throwing of Mardi Gras beads and similar items will be permitted, no member of any unit is to throw any items which could harm spectators or damage property. Mardi Gras beads and doubloons are permitted and all other items must be approved by the Mardi Gras Parade Committee. All items thrown by members of parade units must be thrown to the crowd, not handed over the side of the moving unit. The purpose of this is to aid in keeping the crowds a safe distance away from the moving vehicles and insure safety.

14. All units should be identified so that the spectators can easily see the name of the unit or its sponsor. Marchers carrying banners or signs should precede the unit. Young children should not be assigned to carry identifications banners.

15. In case of inclement weather tune into WBBV, River 101.3 FM to listen for a message concerning the status of the parade.

16. Units may begin to line up at 2:00 p.m. along Belmont Street between Washington Street and Drummond Street. Please enter Belmont Street from Drummond Street side. All units must be lined up by 3:30 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. the parade will turn right onto Washington Street, proceed north to Jackson Street. The parade is officially over at the corner of Washington and Jackson Street. The area around the City Auditorium should be used as a pick-up point for walkers.

17. TV 23 will film the parade. Each entry will be mailed an assigned number which the entrant places in the window (drivers' side) of the vehicle pulling the float. *This number is for identifying the parade participant – it is not the line-up number.* Please take the time to write up a brief description of your entry on the Unit & Point of Contact form and mail back with the Unit Application and entry fee. This information will be used by TV 23 parade announcers when introducing each float entry as they are being televised.

18. For any horse riding or other animal groups – you must have animals diapered or have a person to scoop behind you, especially for when you are lined up waiting for the parade to start and during the parade itself. You will be held responsible for cleaning up your staging area to the owners' satisfaction.