

# Pride Parade Times

Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade

No. 23

Saturday, June 23, 2001, 8:45 p.m.

## “Embrace Diversity” at Houston’s Annual Nighttime Pride Parade

WELCOME to the 2001 Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade!

We hope you have a thrilling time celebrating our community pride. 2001 marks Houston’s 23rd annual Pride Parade and our fifth annual nighttime parade—America’s original nighttime pride parade.

Please refer to the map below for the parade route and check-in points and the large map inside for the entry line-up. Make sure you are familiar with and adhere

to the parade rules you have been given.

Units must line up on time—6 p.m. for floats, 7 p.m. for vehicles, and 7:30 p.m. for walking units. All units must be in place by 8 p.m. and the parade will begin at 8:45 p.m.

Place your unit number in a prominent position for easy viewing by judges. This year, trophies will be presented at the newly returned Pride Festival, which will be held 1-7 p.m.,

### WEATHER REPORT

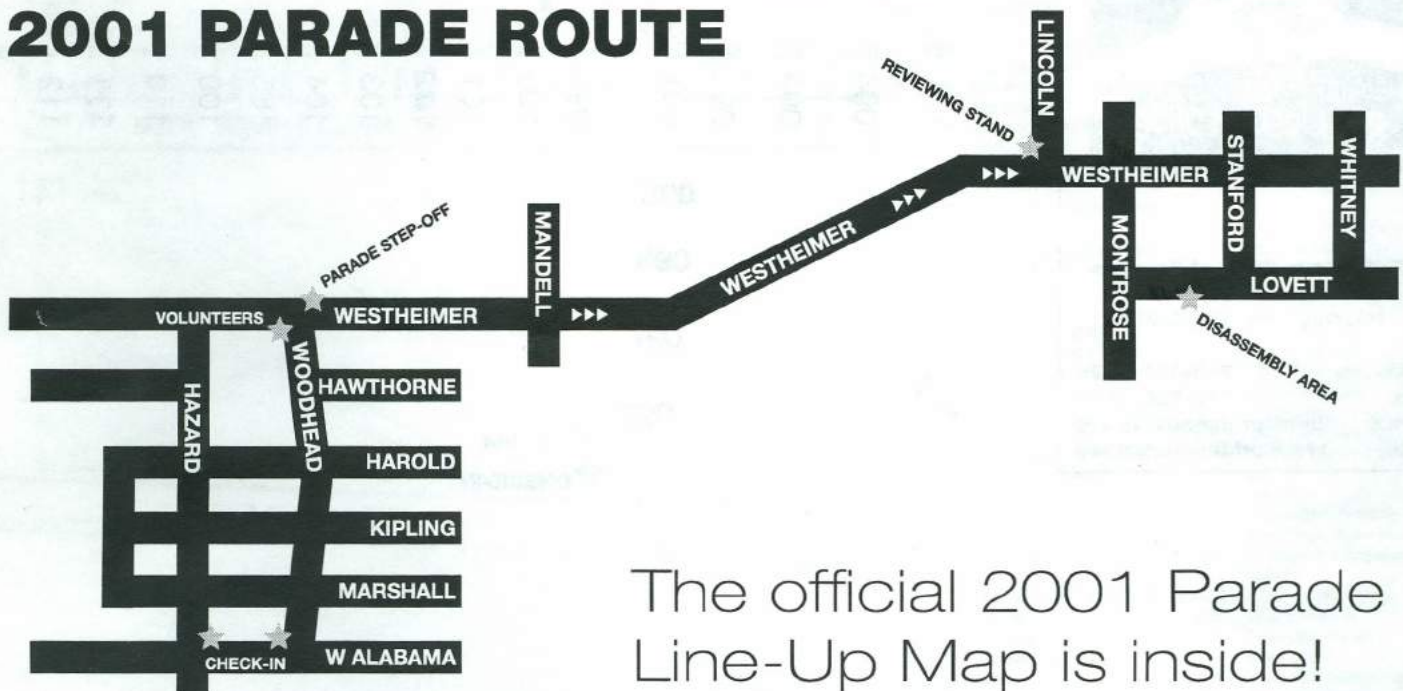
It’s Houston—it will rain sometime during the day! Bring protection for your entry, particularly for your electronic equipment.

In the case of extreme weather, the parade may be cancelled no later than 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 24, at Garden in the Heights, 3926 Feagan.

Units not checking in on time or misrepresenting themselves on their parade applications may be denied entry in the parade.

## 2001 PARADE ROUTE



The official 2001 Parade Line-Up Map is inside!

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# 2001 Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade Line-Up

## LINE UP TIMES

6 p.m. .... floats  
 7 p.m. .... vehicles  
 7:30 p.m. .... walking units  
 8 p.m. .... all units in place  
 8:45 p.m. SHARP ..... kick-off



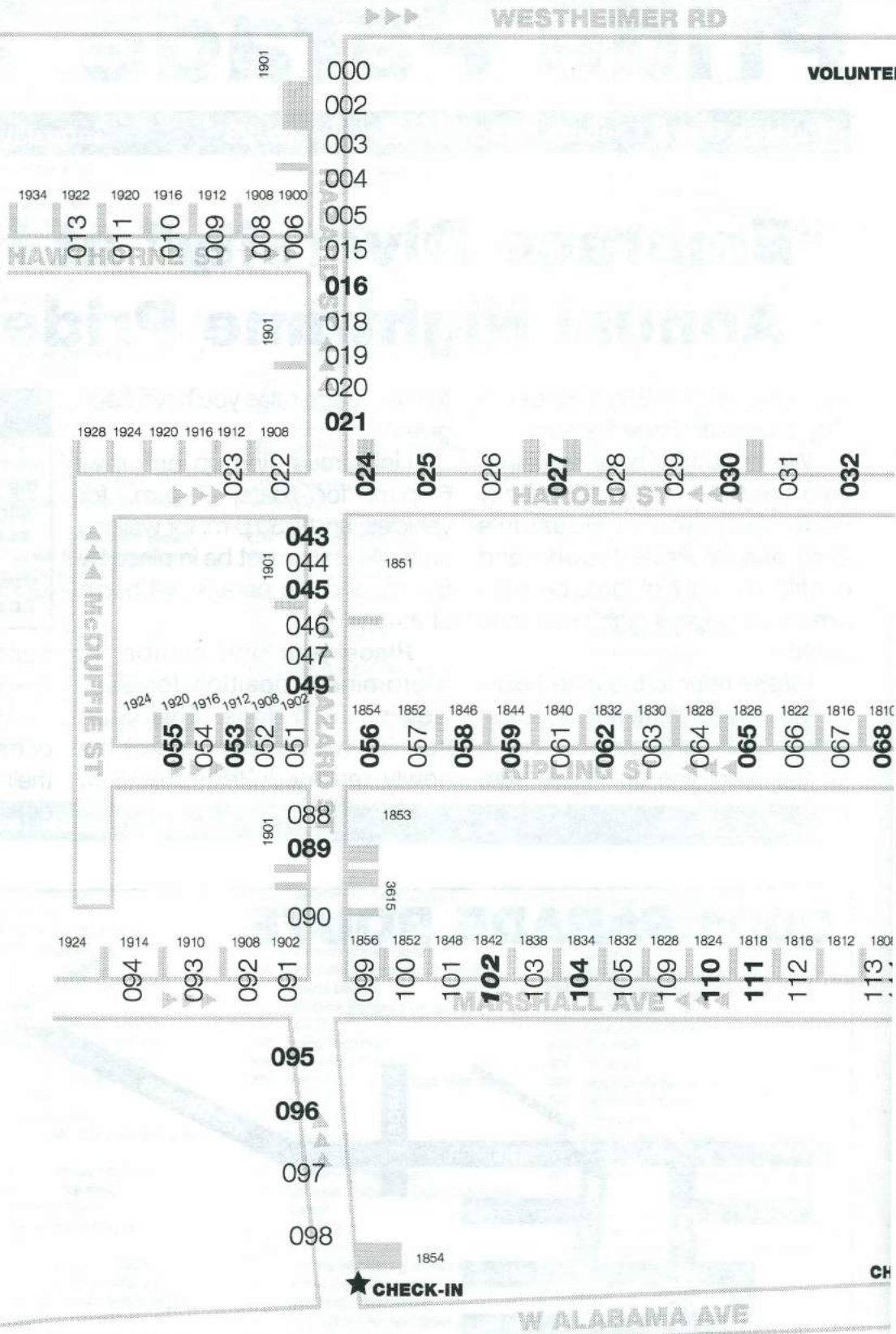
## LEGEND

- 000 Walking/Motorized Unit
- 000 Float
- 000 Professional Float

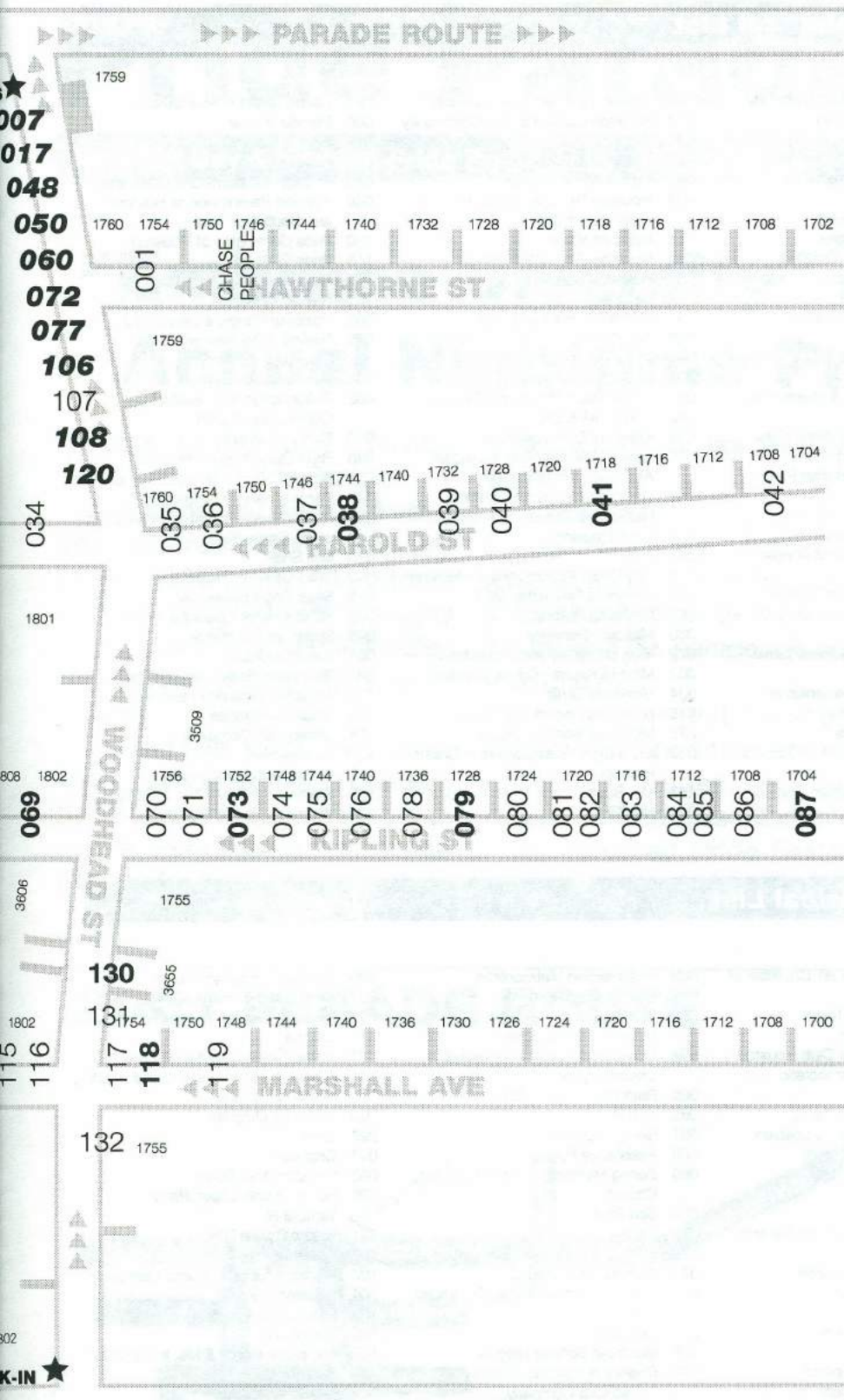


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## 2001 Parade Entries



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|-----|---|-----|---|
| 112 | 104 KRBE  | 025 | Houston Outdoor Group                                   |
| 018 | ACLU of Texas                                       | 031 | Houston Pride Band                                      |
| 082 | Ada Edwards Campaign                                | 053 | Houston Transgender Community Unity Committee           |
| 058 | AIDS Foundation Houston                             | 088 | Houston Voice   |
| 091 | American Express - GLOBE                            | 022 | Houston Women's Festival                                |
| 045 | Asians & Friends Houston                            | 092 | Houston Women's Flag Football League                    |
| 068 | Assistance Fund                                     | 050 | Human Rights Campaign                                   |
| 041 | AssistHers  | 106 | Inergy Club   |
| 057 | Bayou City Boys Club                                | 029 | Integrity/Houston                                       |
| 067 | Being Together                                      | 007 | JP Morgan Chase   |
| 069 | Bering Memorial United Methodist Church             | 051 | Judge David Patronella, J.P. 1-2                        |
| 024 | Bering Omega Community Services                     | 042 | Katz's Deli & Bar                                       |
| 004 | Blake & Gordon Weisser - Grand Marshal              | 033 | Krewe of Olympus Texas                                  |
| 120 | Brazos River Bottom Club                            | 038 | Lamar University Gay & Lesbian Association of Beaumont  |
| 132 | BUD 2   | 087 | Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force - Houston |
| 073 | Bunnies on the Bayou                                | 118 | Level Houston   |
| 097 | Chances   | 044 | LOAF  |
| 077 | Charles Armstrong Investments                       | 119 | Log Cabin Republicans of Houston                        |
| 012 | City Council  | 037 | Marantha Fellowship MCC                                 |
| 035 | Classic Chassis Car Club Houston                    | 095 | Michael's Outpost                                       |
| 075 | Colt 45's   | 030 | Midtown Dentistry                                       |
| 060 | Community Gospel Church                             | 072 | Miss Camp America Foundation                            |
| 021 | CompaqPlus  | 002 | Mitchell Katine - Grand Marshal                         |
| 064 | Covenant Church, Ecumenical, Liberal Baptist        | 034 | Montrose Clinic   |
| 003 | Dalia Stokes - Grand Marshal                        | 016 | Montrose Counseling Center                              |
| 102 | Dallas Tavern Guild                                 | 076 | Montrose Softball League                                |
| 111 | Dignity Houston                                     | 052 | More Light Presbyterians of Greater Houston             |
| 108 | EJ's  | 107 | Ms. Butch Inergy & Ms. Inergy 2000                      |
| 096 | Emanon  | 066 | NGLTF   |
| 090 | Emerson Unitarian Church                            | 027 | Pacific Street & Soundwaves                             |
| 048 | Enviro-Tech Electronics                             | 000 | Parade Banner   |
| 071 | Equiva  | 059 | People with AIDS Coalition - Houston                    |
| 020 | First Unitarian Universalist Church                 | 005 | PFLAG Houston - Grand Marshal                           |
| 063 | Freed-Montrose Branch of the Houston Public Library | 086 | Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas       |
| 019 | Gary Brewton, M.D.                                  | 130 | Pride Committee of Houston                              |
| 110 | Gay Men's Chorus Houston                            | 113 | Pride EMS   |
| 117 | Gay Pride Royalty                                   | 105 | Progressive Voters in Action                            |
| 114 | Gay Roller Ride                                     | 131 | Rainbo de Klown   |
| 116 | Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Aggies        | 065 | Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club                             |
| 056 | GLBT Pagan Pride Society                            | 085 | Raising AIDS Awareness via Education (RAAVE)            |
| 084 | GLOBAL (Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Alliance)          | 101 | Razzle Dazzle Dallas                                    |
| 061 | Gordon Quan Re-Election Campaign                    | 062 | Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church              |
| 032 | Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce            | 017 | Rich's Houston  |
| 026 | Gulf Coast Archive & Museum of GLBT History         | 036 | River Oaks Area Democratic Women                        |
| 080 | H.C.H.D.'s Thomas Street Clinic                     | 023 | Ron's American Limousines                               |
| 099 | Harris County Green Party                           | 094 | Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star   |
| 093 | Harris County Libertarian Party                     | 070 | Sea Shell   |
| 049 | HATCH   | 040 | SGI - USA - Houston                                     |
| 081 | Hewitt Associates                                   | 015 | Silver Eagle Budweiser                                  |
| 079 | Hollywood Food Store                                | 055 | St. Stephen's Episcopal Church                          |
| 010 | Honorable City Council Annise Parker                | 046 | Statscript Pharmacy                                     |
| 006 | Honorable Mayor Lee P. Brown                        | 028 | Steven's House  |
| 009 | Honorable State Representative Debra Danburg        | 083 | Texas Gay Rodeo Association                             |
| 013 | Honorable State Representative Garnet F. Coleman    | 115 | Texas Renaissance Festival                              |
| 008 | Honorable US Representative Sheila Jackson Lee      | 109 | Texas Renegades   |
| 098 | Houston Area Bears                                  | 078 | United Cab Company                                      |
| 001 | Houston Area Motorcycle Society                     | 100 | Venture-N   |
| 104 | Houston Comets                                      | 047 | Wells Fargo Bank  |
| 054 | Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus              | 103 | Womack for City Council Campaign                        |
| 043 | Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents                     | 089 | Women in Power Society                                  |
| 074 | Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center              |     |   |

## 2001 Pride Parade Entries: Alphabetical List

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH ADDITION OF LATE ENTRIES

112	104 KRBE	063	Freed-Montrose Branch of the Houston Public Library	043	Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Center	027	Pacific Street & Soundwaves
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Dear Community Organizer,

The Pride Committee of Houston, the producers of Houston's annual Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration, publishes the most complete listing of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community resources and events in Houston. The Resource Guide of community organizations, businesses and professionals is updated at least twice a year. It is published by the Pride Committee in its annual *Pride Guide* and in the Autumn edition of its *Inside Pride* quarterly newsletter. The Resource Guide is also shared with a number of community organizations, including the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston, the Crisis Hotline, the *Lesbian and Gay Voices* and *After Hours* radio shows on KPFT and community publications.

The Community Calendar is updated weekly, but a very important aspect of the Calendar is the listing of regularly occurring meetings and events that is provided by the information we get through the organizational updates. The Community Calendar is published on the PCOH web site, [www.pridehouston.org](http://www.pridehouston.org), and is shared with a variety of community organizations.

Please examine the enclosed organizational update form, make any necessary additions or corrections, and mail or fax it back to us by **January 9, 2001**, so we can print your most up-to-date information.

If you are no longer part of this organization, please forward this correspondence to the appropriate person or return it to the Pride Committee. We will only publish the enclosed information if it is mailed or faxed to us as is or with corrections by **January 9, 2001**.

The Pride Committee also publishes a Media Guide as a service to not-for-profit organizations. Many times our side of the story does not get covered simply because the media can't reach us. Please fill out the separate Media Guide Update page and return it to us by **January 9, 2001**, so we can provide contact information to the press and help our community get fairer coverage.

Thank you,  
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## Pride Committee of Houston

Pride Committee of Houston produces a number of events and programs to celebrate gay and lesbian pride, commemorate our history and educate society in promoting the liberation of all people. The annual nighttime parade, which marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, the beginning of modern American gay and lesbian rights movement, is the largest pride celebration in Southwest and one of the largest annual parades in Houston.

### Meetings

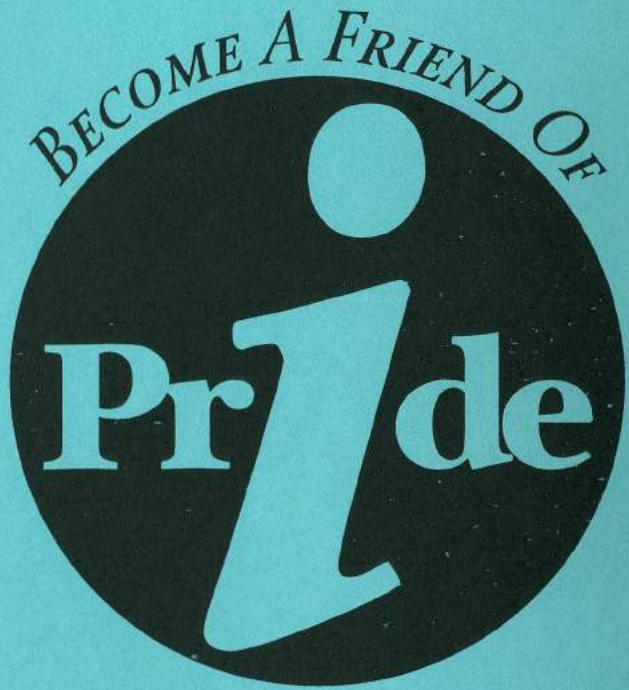
Board of Directors and general meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month, respectively. All meetings are held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (275 W. Gray), a city-owned accessible and secured building, and begin at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and participation is highly encouraged.



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When you become a **Friend of Pride** in 2001, you'll receive perks for a whole weekend of Pride, including exclusive bleacher seating at the nighttime Parade on **Saturday, June 23**, and priority admission into the new Pride Festival on **Sunday, June 24**.

**Return of the**

**Pride Festival**



A Pride Committee of Houston Production

**MultiMiss**

**EMBRACE  
Diversity**  
gay & lesbian pride

Starring on the Pride Stage

Comedian  
**Bob Smith**

Tickets are \$5 in advance  
(\$8 at the door)

Sunday, June 24th  
1:00 - 7:00 PM

Garden in the Heights  
3926 Feagan @ Waugh

Featuring a Community Bazaar, Food & Drink, Speakers, Music and Live Entertainment by:

Christy Claxton  
Houston Storytellers Guild  
Miss Money  
Sarah Pinsker

Dave West  
Kristi Rae  
Nancy Ford & the Dyke Show  
Suede

Front Alley Girls  
Marcus Hutcheson  
Pride Band  
Tru Sol

Tickets are available at Basic Brothers, M2M, and at [www.pridehouston.org](http://www.pridehouston.org).  
Group Discounts available.

# EMBRACE DIVERSITY

## Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride 2001 Parade Application Packet



WELCOME TO HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE 2001!

The Pride Committee of Houston sponsors and produces the annual nighttime Pride Parade to commemorate three nights of civil unrest known as the Stonewall riots. These riots occurred in late June 1969 in response to official harassment by the New York Police and are considered the birth of the movement for equal rights and liberation for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Many communities in the U.S. and around the world hold Pride celebrations in June in memory of Stonewall.

The Pride Committee welcomes all participants to the Parade and hopes to make it an enjoyable experience. We ask that everyone follow the direction of the Parade organizers on Parade day. In turn, should anyone in your group need assistance or wish to report any behavior deemed disrespectful toward any other participant, contact any Parade volunteer, who will call a member of the Pride Committee to the scene to take the appropriate action.

We will attempt to honor any special request, but we are unable to consider any request to position any entry at the front of the Parade. Entries are positioned in the order that applications are received in our office, and it would be unfair to organizations that submit applications early to be positioned further back.

This packet contains the 2001 Pride Parade application, instructions for completing the application and the 2001 Parade rules. Please follow these steps so that the Pride Committee may process your application.

Completely and accurately fill out the application. Type or print clearly. Return the completed form with the correct application fee to the Pride Committee of Houston. Applications received without the correct fee will not be processed. The Pride Committee cannot be held responsible for matching applications and payments sent separately. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please note the following deadlines to participate in the 2001 Pride Parade:

- An application postmarked after 31 May 2001 must include a \$100.00 late fee.
- Applications will not be accepted after the Mandatory Meeting on 12 June 2001.

All applications will be confirmed after they are processed. We will also return a copy of the application at that time. If the Throws Authorization section of the application has been completed, we will also respond at that time confirming or declining acceptability of the items described.

The 2001 Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade begins at 8:45 p.m. on 23 June 2001. So that the Parade can start on time, entries must be in place and checked in at the following times:

- 6 p.m. Floats are to be in their assigned positions.
- 7 p.m. Vehicles in the parade must be in position. Vehicles not participating must be removed from the line-up area.
- 8 p.m. All organizations participating in the parade must be in place and checked in. The line-up area will be closed to traffic. Entries not in position at this time will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.
- 8:30 p.m. Westheimer will be closed to traffic. Lead entries will be moved to the Woodhead intersection.
- 8:45 p.m. The Parade begins!

We also invite your organization to participate in the Parade Workshop on Saturday, 28 April, as well as all the Pride 2001 events in June.

### Mission Statement of the Pride Committee of Houston

Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to coordinate and promote events that celebrate the diversity, unity and history of the Lesbian and Gay community. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, transgender or bi-sexual identification, nor do we discriminate against the physically challenged or those who are differently abled. We are here to commemorate, educate and celebrate our pride and create a path toward a positive future for all humanity, not excluding any aspect of who we are as a people.

# Parade Application Instructions

## 1. Sponsoring Organization Information

Enter the full name, mailing address and phone and fax numbers of the organization sponsoring the entry. Include the e-mail address of the organization or that of someone who can quickly distribute information to the group. If the organization has a web site, please include it. Also include the name and phone number of a contact person expected to remain with the organization until after the Parade. Let us know whether your organization is based more than 50 miles from Houston so we can determine whether you need to send a representative to the Mandatory Meeting and the awards for which your entry will qualify.

## 2. Entry Information

Briefly describe the Parade entry (not the organization). Include a title if applicable. Estimate the number of people participating in your Parade entry. Estimate the total length of the entry, including all people leading or following any float or vehicle. List any participating group or business other than the sponsoring organization that will be identifiable in the entry through such things as signage, throws and clothing. Check all elements that will be included in your entry. A float is any wheeled display or conveyance moving under other than its own power. A vehicle is any wheeled conveyance moving under its own power. A walking group is a marching or performing group or any persons not in or on a vehicle or float. Lighting includes neon, fluorescent, incandescent and any other electrical lighting. Music may be live or recorded. A performance includes any type of performance, dance or musical presentation. Throws are any items distributed from vehicles or by people walking. Large animals are horses and other animals, whether ridden, led or drawing a vehicle. An additional form is required for large animals and will be sent to the organization when the entry is confirmed. Let us know whether your entry is being created by professional float builders so we can determine where to place your entry in the line-up area and the awards for which your organization will qualify. In the Special Requests line, include any specific needs for your entry to participate in the Parade. If your organization is a non-profit entity based more than 50 miles from Houston, you may request a fee waiver here.

## 3. Fees

Check each appropriate box. All entries must pay either the non-profit organization fee or the business fee. Non-profit

groups based more than 50 miles from Houston may request a fee waiver and can write the request in the Special Requests line. A non-profit organization is a group whose purpose is other than creating income or profit for its owners or directors. Foundations or other organizations that generate funds that are dispersed to other non-profit organizations will be considered non-profit. An organization claiming non-profit status may be requested to provide documentation of that status to the Pride Committee. Entries with identifiable participation by a business, regardless of the sponsoring organization, must pay the business fee. Add \$5.00 for each large animal that will participate in the Parade. Animals for which a fee has not been paid will not be allowed on the Parade route. Include a late fee for an application postmarked after 31 May 2000. If a late fee is not included with the application, one will be assessed, payable by the Mandatory Meeting. The Pride Committee will attempt to contact the organization, but if the late fee is not paid by 7 p.m. on 23 June, the entry will not be allowed to participate in the Parade. Enter the total amount submitted with the application. Checks or money orders are payable to Pride Committee of Houston.

## 4. Authorization for Parade Throws

Describe items that your organization would like to throw or distribute during the Parade. Include a sample of each item or bring samples to the Mandatory Meeting. Authorization will not be granted until a sample is submitted. No item may be thrown or distributed at the Parade without authorization.

## 5. Signature

An officer or responsible party of the organization must sign to indicate understanding and acceptance of the Parade rules. Print name below if different from the contact name above. Include title if applicable.

## 6. Submit Application

Mail the completed application and all fees to the Pride Committee of Houston.

## 7. Attend the Mandatory Meeting.

All participating organizations based within 50 miles of Houston must have a representative at this meeting, at 7 p.m. on 12 June 2000 at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Unrepresented groups will not be eligible for awards and may be barred from the Parade.



# 2001 Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade Rules

## 1. General

1.1 Applicants agree to the following rules and are responsible to inform all participants of these rules.

1.2 Applications will not be accepted after 12 June 2001.

1.3 A representative must attend the Mandatory Meeting at 7 p.m. on 12 June 2001 at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. Entries based more than 50 miles from Houston are exempt from attending the meeting, but not from the Parade rules.

1.4 Parade lineup begins on 23 June 2001 at 6 p.m. and the Parade starts promptly at 8:45 p.m.

**1.5 As it is impossible to anticipate every situation that may arise, no conduct that violates any statute of the State of Texas or the ordinances of the City of Houston will be tolerated. Any entry violating these will be barred from the Pride Parade.**

## 2. Entry Requirements

2.1 Applicants must submit a complete application. Contact information for the organization and for the individual submitting the application must be complete or it may delay or prevent processing the entry.

2.2 A non-profit organization entry fee or a business entry fee must be included with the application. A non-profit organization is defined as any group, club or association whose primary purpose is something other than generating income or profit for any individual or group in return for investment, ownership or expertise. Foundations or other organizations that generate funds that are dispersed to other non-profit organizations will be considered non-profit.

2.3 Any entry that includes participation by a business identifiable through such entry elements as signage, throw items or clothing must pay the business entry fee, regardless of the status of the sponsoring organization.

2.4 Non-profit organizations based beyond 50 miles from Houston may be granted a waiver of the entry fee on request.

2.5 Entries must meet the following requirements:

2.5.1 Each vehicle in the entry must be able to navigate the Parade route and make all turns required.

2.5.2 No vehicle may be greater than 40 feet long, 14 feet high or 16 feet wide. Wheelbase may not exceed 12 feet in width.

2.5.3 No vehicle may have wheels that extend beyond fenders or other protective elements.

2.6 Radiators of all vehicles and floats must remain uncovered to prevent overheating and stalling.

2.7 Entries greater than 50 feet in length will be assessed an additional \$50 fee. Entries may not exceed 75 feet.

**2.8 All floats and vehicles intended to be in the Parade must be in position by 8 p.m. or they will not be allowed to participate.**

## 3. Prohibited Entries

3.1 Individual bicycles, skates, skateboards or scooters are not acceptable as entries in the Parade. Any bicycles, skates, skateboards or scooters must be parts of a registered entry and must meet all requirements of the Committee.

3.2 Any individual or entry not adhering to set rules concerning bicycles, skates, skateboards or scooters will be subject to arrest by the Houston Police Department.

## 4. Dress Code

4.1 The Committee encourages participants to appear in appropriate and suitable costumes that celebrate Pride. The object of the Pride Parade is unity, and no entry or display demeaning to any part of the community will be allowed.

4.2 Both serious and comic male and female impersonations are welcome in the Parade providing that such presentations adhere to all rules governing the Parade dress code.

4.3 Costumes and other apparel worn in the Parade must comply with the obscenity statute of the State of Texas and the public decency ordinances of the City of Houston. The minimum attire for those in the Parade is no less than square-cut jogging shorts for men and, additionally, a tank top for women. No bikinis, jock straps, posing straps, G-strings, bras or panties are permitted to appear in the Parade.

4.4 See-through clothing is not permitted unless the undergarments meet the requirements above for proper attire. For example, chaps will be required to have suitable attire worn underneath to prevent any public viewing of anatomy that would violate 43.21 and all other related sections of the Texas Penal Code.

4.5 Decisions as to the propriety of attire to be worn in the Parade will be made by the Parade Coordinators.

## 5. Conduct of Participants

5.1 The Pride Committee requests participants show respect for all genders, ages, races, cultures, faiths and sexual orientations. Please refrain from actions that would demean any segment of our community. The Committee urges entrants to maintain a high degree of sensitivity to the feelings, values and views of all others.

5.2 All participants in the Pride Parade are to conduct themselves in a manner as to promote Pride in the Lesbian and Gay community. Participants may not use profanity, obscene gestures or other improper conduct toward any participant or spectator of the Parade.

5.3 Sexual paraphernalia, real or simulated sexual acts and genital or phallic representations are prohibited.

5.4 Units are encouraged to utilize music and participant enthusiasm as part of their entry. Entries may cheer and chant to promote a positive response from the spectators.

5.5 The Pride Committee of Houston asks all participants to show courtesy to local residents when lining up for the Parade. Music volume is to be kept at a minimum until each unit reaches the Parade route.

5.6 In the event that there are persons choosing to protest the Parade, participants are to ignore them and not engage in any form of confrontation. These individuals are seeking conflict and will leave if ignored.

5.7 As we are here to celebrate the diversity of our community, we encourage social interaction among the participants. The Committee wants the Parade to be a fun and educational experience for everyone. However, we expect all participants to treat each other with respect and good manners. Inappropriate behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

5.8 The Parade Coordinators and the Celebration Committee Co-Chairs have the right to remove any individual or group that refuses to abide by these provisions.

## 6. Awards

6.1 Awards will be presented in several categories. Eligibility for each category will be determined by answers on the Parade application.

RUBY SLIPPER – Best walking unit  
GYPSY ROSE – Best out-of-town unit  
EDISON – Best lighting on a non-professionally built unit  
HOUSTON – Best non-professionally built motorized unit  
RAINBOW LIGHTS – Best lighting on a professionally built unit  
TEXAS – Best professionally built motorized unit

Open to all entries:

STONEWALL – Best commemoration of Pride  
EMBRACE DIVERSITY – Best interpretation of theme  
SPIRIT OF MONTROSE – Best overall entry

6.2 Additionally, the committee will award certificates honoring outstanding achievement in various facets of the entry. Categories to be considered will be announced in a press release and at the Mandatory Meeting.

6.3 Parade entries will be judged from a specified reviewing stand by a panel of guest judges independent of the Pride Committee. Performing at any point other than this specified area that holds up other Parade entries will lead to disqualification from the award competition and/or probation from future Parades.

6.4 Performances for the judges are limited to a maximum of three minutes. A timekeeper will advise when the allotted time has expired. Any unit not proceeding when time has expired may be subject to disqualification from the award competition.

## 7. Personal Safety

7.1 All persons participating in the Parade are to be cautious of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Please be aware of the hazards associated with marching and participating in the Parade. Flashlights, light clothing and reflective tape decals are encouraged. The Pride Committee does not assume responsibility for the health and well being of any participants.

7.2 The Fire Marshal orders that all motorized or illuminated entries must carry a (type ABC) fire extinguisher and units that do not have one by the start of the Parade will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.

7.3 All motorized units must have at least two people (one on each side) walking as "wheel monitors." We encourage one monitor at each wheel.

## 8. Item Distribution During The Parade

8.1 Throw items to be distributed or thrown must have prior approval of the Parade Coordinators.

8.2 No item will be approved without submission of a sample of the item. Samples may be mailed with the Parade application or brought to the Mandatory Meeting.

8.3 Approval will be confirmed by the Mandatory Meeting. No items will be approved after this date.

8.4 Any entry discovered throwing items not approved by the Parade Coordinators are subject to clean-up costs and probation from future Parades.

8.5 Condoms should not be distributed to any person under 17 years of age. Sexually explicit or suggestive material may not be distributed by any participant in the Parade.

8.6 Literature, glitter, confetti, streamers or similar materials may not be thrown or distributed by any entry.

8.7 Items thrown or distributed must have some intrinsic value, providing enticement to be kept, rather than thrown away or tossed to the ground.

## 9. Alcohol and Illegal Substances

9.1 No participant in the Pride Parade will be permitted to consume alcohol or use illegal or controlled substances before or during the Parade, nor at any assembly or disbanding site.

9.2 Those under the influence will not be allowed to drive. Any participant violating this rule will be withdrawn from the Parade and will be asked to remove their entry from the area.

## 10. Clean-Up and Trash

In order to contain clean-up costs, each unit is required to carry plastic trash bags for depositing trash and litter accumulated by the entry before and during the Parade. Units found in violation of this provision are subject to a portion of the clean-up costs.

## 11. Rain-Out Policy

In the event of extreme weather, including, but not limited to, rain, the Pride Committee of Houston reserves the right to cancel the Pride Parade. Notice of cancellation will be posted no later than two hours before the scheduled line-up time with the Committee's answering service. In the event of a cancellation, Parade fees will not be refunded.

## 12. Rule Enforcement and Appeal

12.1 The above rules and regulations are subject to the interpretation of the Parade Coordinators and will be enforced by the Pride Committee of Houston.

12.2 Appeal of any interpretation and/or application of these rules issued by any Parade Coordinator may be made through one of the Celebration Committee Co-Chairs. The decision of the Co-Chair will be final.

12.3 No other member of Pride Committee of Houston, its Celebration Committee or its Board of Directors is authorized to appeal, reinterpret or make exception to the above rules or defined procedure.

12.4 The Parade Coordinators and the Celebration Committee Co-Chairs have the right to remove any individual or group for non-compliance of the above rules.

12.5 The Committee retains the right to assess additional repair or clean-up costs to any entry causing damage, generating excessive litter or abandoning refuse.

**12.6 The Pride Committee reserves the right to refuse any application.**

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