

# *ELGIN JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL*

## *JUNE 10 – 11, 2022*

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### **CALLING ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS**

The Elgin Juneteenth Organization is thrilled to announce the 2022 Juneteenth Festival will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> . This is a historic year of celebration as the City of Elgin marks their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a sesquicentennial celebration all year long.

For over 23 years the Juneteenth Festival has been a community event drawing visitors from near and far. Many of the favorite events will be back, including street dance on Friday night, the grande parade on Saturday starting at 10:00 am and all day activities in Veteran's Memorial Park downtown Elgin on Depot and Main Street. We are very excited to see this summer tradition be even more popular than before.

Be a part of history and join us in the parade. Applications are now available online and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday morning. If you need further information please contact me at (512) 963-2721.

Sincerely,

*Bettye Lofton*

Bettye Lofton, President  
Elgin Juneteenth Organization  
P.O. 763  
Elgin, Texas 78621



# Elgin Juneteenth Celebration Parade Saturday June 11, 2022

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE CATEGORY FOR YOUR ENTRY!!**

<input type="checkbox"/> Local Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Mounted Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Group or Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Mounted Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Float	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Car
<input type="checkbox"/> Out of Town	<input type="checkbox"/> Comical
<input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Unique

Amount of feet needed for entry \_\_\_\_\_ (Be specific)  
Tell us about your entry. Be detailed as this will be read by the announcers.

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Return **BOTH** pages (1 & 2) of the entry form to:  
**Elgin Juneteenth Organization**  
**P.O. Box 763**  
**Elgin, TX 78621**  
**Phone: (512) 963-2721**

Your number and map of the parade line up will be mailed to you if entry is received by May 27, 2022. If entry is received after May 27th, you will need to pick up your numbers the morning of the parade at 8:00 am at the Booker T Washington Elementary School on MLK Street... (In front of the Elementary School)

**Parade starts at 10:00 am.**



**Elgin Juneteenth Organization  
And  
City of Elgin**

**Full Release and Indemnity Agreement**

The Elgin Juneteenth Organization and the City of Elgin, including its officers, directors, servant, agents, volunteers, members and/or employees called the Elgin Juneteenth Organization and/or City of Elgin and the owner and/or Exhibitor or Contestants including parents and/or legal representatives, herein called "Exhibitors" agree that the Elgin Juneteenth Organization and/or the City of Elgin will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death to person, animals, or property of Exhibitor or Exhibitor's agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how much loss, damage, injury or death is occasioned and by "whom". The Elgin Juneteenth Organization and/or the City of Elgin and the Exhibitor further agree that Exhibitor will protect indemnity and safe harmless the Elgin Juneteenth Organization and/or the City of Elgin from any/all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by the Elgin Juneteenth Organization and/or the City of Elgin brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage, injury, or death to any person, animal, or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Exhibitor, either solely or in conjunction with the Elgin Juneteenth Organization and/or the City of Elgin or anyone else).

**City of Elgin  
Police Department  
Parade Laws and Regulations**

The Elgin Police Department will be enforcing all State and Municipal traffic laws during this event and parade. This will include Section 542.420 which prohibits the demonstration of vehicle speed or exhibition or acceleration (burning off) and Section 547.604 which states a vehicle shall be equipped with a muffler in good working condition that continually operates to prevent excessive or unusual noise, and prevents the use of cutouts, bypass, or similar device on a motor vehicle. Because of safety considerations all vehicles in the parade will not be allowed to swerve, turn, or cut in and out of traffic during this event, violators will be removed from the parade. Your help in supporting a safe and healthy environment will make this an enjoyable event for everyone.

**Chris Nobles**  
Chief of Police  
City of Elgin

**The undersigned has read and voluntarily signed the Full Release and Indemnity Agreement and agrees to abide by the rules and regulations governing the Parade sponsored by the Elgin Juneteenth Organization and the City of Elgin.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner, Exhibitor or Contestant  
(Signature Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Parent or Legal Guardian  
(If under age 18) (Signature Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **2022 Elgin Juneteenth Celebration**

### **Parade Information and Rules**

1. ALL ENTRIES MUST CHECK IN AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. You will need to pick up your numbers and map by 8:00 a.m. at the Booker T Washington School (In front of Elementary School).
2. Parade Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. Entries must be in place and participants present to be eligible for judging. If you do not want to be judged, you still need to be in place and ready to go no later than 8:30 a.m. Categories for judging are included on the Parade Entry Form (Pg. 1). Awards will be presented before the parade begins.
3. PARADE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.
4. Please bring bottled water for your participants. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE.
5. A licensed driver must drive autos, tractors, and large vehicles. Drivers are responsible for the safety and behavior of their participants. Small vehicles (mini-bikes, small tractors, etc.) must be operated by a person age 12 or older and parents will be responsible for their conduct.
6. Water guns have become popular to use in the parade. Use your manners! Don't squirt anyone who does not want to get wet. This includes parade participants, their vehicles, and people viewing the parade that may not be your intended target.
7. All vehicles participating in the parade must be clean and in safe operating condition. They must also be operated in a safe manner so not to endanger other participants or spectators. All safety equipment is the responsibility of the entrant.
8. An adult supervisor who will be responsible for the behavior of their participants must represent each youth group. Adult groups must name a contact person. Names of supervisor or contact person must be submitted at registration.
9. Equestrian units are welcome. All horses in the parade must have current Coggins records. A Juneteenth Committee representative may check records at line up. All Equestrian units are required to provide their own "clean-up crew" for their unit.
10. Each entry, other than horses-tractors-or antique cars, must be a decorated float or vehicle representing an organization, festival, or business.
11. For safety reasons, NO ARTICLES, WHATSOEVER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GUM, CANDY, FLYERS, WATER BALLOONS, ETC. MAY BE THROWN, HANDED OR PASSED FROM ANY FLOAT OR VEHICLE. Walkers may hand out material as long as it is not a distraction and is done at "curbside". Children run toward vehicles passing items and for the safety of the children attending the parade there are NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.
12. For safety reason, ALL articles used on the floats, chairs, tables, etc. should be secured to prevent falling during the parade. Floats without sides or railings should have some type of protection to prevent falling...bales of hay, ropes, etc. Contestant will be responsible for the safety of their float.
13. Due to the length of the parade, it is very important that it keeps moving. Please do not intentionally stop or slow the movement of the parade for any demonstration, etc. If your entry has mechanical or other problems, pull off to the side and we will try to get assistance to you.
14. As a courtesy to other parade participants, do not disband until you reach your original set-up location.
15. Exceptions to these rules may be made only with the approval of the Juneteenth Committee.
16. Elgin Juneteenth Organization is very proud of its reputation for quality and family-oriented entertainment; therefore, the Parade Committee retains the right to refuse entry of any float, unit or individual not conforming to the high standards of the Juneteenth Parade. Failure to comply with the parade rules may result in removal from the parade formation and will affect future invitations.
17. Elgin Juneteenth Organization and the City of Elgin assume no responsibility for the behavior of entrants, accidents, injuries, damages, or loss of any kind.