



Chicago Pride Parade 6/26/2022 FAQ

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Why are we marching in the parade?

Most people know about the annual LGBTQ+ Pride Parades that take place in many towns and cities around the world. Less well-known are the origins of these parades. They have their roots in several nights of uprising that took place in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan beginning on June 28th, 1969. LGBTQ+ patrons of the Stonewall Inn fought against an attempted raid by police; led by drag queens and transwomen of color, the patrons were protesting the lack of national protection under the law. As the police attempted to drag patrons into waiting paddy wagons, the crowd outside the bar began to react. It's rumored that a transwoman threw her high-heeled shoe at an officer, which acted as a catalyst for further agitation.

So how did the Stonewall Riots birth the modern Pride parades? The riots occurred on June 28, 1969. The following year, to mark the one-year anniversary of the riots, community members organized the Christopher Street Liberation Day, which took place on June 28, 1970. Hundreds of LGBTQ+ folks marched from Greenwich Village to Central Park. There were simultaneous marches in LA and Chicago, and the following year, even more cities participated. The spirit of Stonewall lives on in today's parades, notably in their date: most major Pride celebrations take place toward the end of June, and celebrate LGBTQ spaces and life.

As Jewish communities, we honor that lineage by declaring loudly and proudly that LGBTQ+ people are not only *welcome* in our shuls and organizations, but that we are active members of our communities, living deeply Jewish *and* LGBTQ+ lives. This beautiful [Al Hanisim](#) by Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen exemplifies this message. For more resources on Jewish LGBTQ+ life, consult Keshet's [Resource Library](#).

Do I need to register to join the parade?

Yes! Please complete [this registration form](#). Thanks!

Where will the parade take place? Where do we meet? What is the parade route?

- **Morning meeting point:**
 - We are #59 in the line-up.
 - On Broadway, between Montrose and Wilson (see site plan below)
 - On the west side of the street (with other odd-numbered entries)
 - Reach out to [your org rep \(listed below\)](#) if you have questions.
- **Site plan:**

EAST CURB LANE	PARADE LINE UP/SITE PLAN	WEST CURB LANE
<u>EVEN NUMBER</u>	<u>CROSS STREET – MONTROSE</u>	<u>ODD NUMBER</u>
2 Mayor Lightfoot + family		1 INTRO-Banner/Color guard/ Scouts/car
4 Banner – Richard Pfeiffer		3 Governor Pritzker
6 Gary Chichester, Legacy GM - car		5 GLBT Hall of Fame/McKinsey - float/walkers
8 IL Holocaust Museum - trolley		7 Gerber Hart Library/Hyatt – float/walkers
10 Francis Parker 10A Catherine Cook car/walk		9 Nettelhorst cart/walk 9A NNMontessori bus/walk
12 Lakeside Pride		11 Lycee Francais 11A Bernard Zell walkers
14 Chicago Gender Society float		13 Grab Magazine - float
16- Chgo Fire Dept. veh/walk 16A GOAL 16B Elgin		15 AVER – car/walkers
18 HRC walkers & 18A Erie Family Health walk	B	17 Equality IL float/walk
20 Political - City	R	19 City of Chicago – float/walkers
22 ABC 7 Chicago – float/walk	O	21 Free Mom Hugs - walk
24 PFLAG trolley/walk & AbbVie walk	A	23 Political - County
26 Political - State	D	25 Folia Brazil-dance 25A Heels/Hardhats vehicle
28 DCFS - van/	W	27 Uptown C of C – float/?/walk
30 Chicago White Sox – van/walk	A	29 Political – Federal & International
32 <u>Entry lines up Sheridan</u>	Y	31 LGBTQ Impact car/walk & 31A Enjoy IL float
<u>(Montrose-Sunnyside)</u>		33 <u>Entry lines up Sheridan (Sunnyside-Wilson)</u>
<u>SUNNYSIDE STREET</u>		<u>TARGET & ALDI ENTRANCE DRIVE</u>
34 Howard Brown – float/walk		35 Target 10 J&J - walkers
36 Chgo Black Men's Caucus - walk		37 Balloons By Tommy
38 Rush Univ. float/walk		39 BP PLC trolley/walk
40 Chgo Bulls/BMO Harris - van		41 Chgo Bulls/BMO Harris - float
42 CBS 2 Chgo-car/walkers 42A Mini of Glencoe	S	43 TPAN van/walk & 43ARainbow Mensa float
44 Gerber Collision pickup/walkers		45 WGN TV – float/walk & Fermi Lab - walk
46 Chi-Town Squares – pickup/walk		47 Baton Show Lounge – float/car follow
48 Steve Quick/Pride Guard – float/walk	E	49 Ferrara Candy/CGMC – float/walk
50 Center Halsted/US Bank – float/walk	W	51 Lorde,Ruskin,Bates - float
52 Asian Friends float 52A Trikone - float		53 Welcoming Churches - walkers
54 Chgo Teachers Union – float/walk	N	55 AIA walkers 55A United Way -float/walk
56 Buffalo Grove Pride car/walkers		57 Kenosha Pride – flatbed/walk
58 Puerto Rican CC -float/walk		59 Keshet/orgs/congregations - walk
60 Chgo Public Media walk 60A JCC sml bus/walk		61 Sidetrack/Spirit float/walk
62 Iron Galaxy Studios - walk		63 Project VIDA – van walk
64 Nordstrom walk 64A WindCity Sings truck/walk	B	65 Discover - walk
66 Fifth Third Bank – trolley/walk	R	67 Broadway in Chicago– float/walk
68 Goose Island Beer – float/walk	O	69 Chime – walk 69A Outlaws tru/dance
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	<u>CROSS STREET – WILSON</u>	

- **Parade route:** Beginning at Montrose and Broadway and then moving south on Broadway to Halsted and continuing south on Halsted to Belmont where it turns east to Broadway and then south on Broadway to Diversey where it again turns east on Diversey to the end point at Cannon Drive. Approx 3.5 miles total.

What is our line-up number?

- We are #59.

- Note from parade organizers: *Step-off: Entries are lined up in numerical order with the ODD numbers on one side of the street and the EVEN numbers on the other side of the street. At step-off, entries will proceed down the street in NUMERICAL ORDER feeding alternately from each side of the street. By using this method, entries from both sides of the street will move down the street uniformly. BE READY to step-off when it is your turn to do so.*
- Note from parade organizers: *Since the City of Chicago reduced the number of our allowable registered parade entries from 300+ a decade ago, down to 160 now.....in order to register as many potential parade entries as possible, in past parades we have doubled-up/partnered some businesses with organizations and sometimes organizations with other organizations. What this means is you may have the SAME line up number as another entry. For example, a business registered in the parade may have a vehicle and walking group. However directly behind them may be a non profit organization with a banner and marchers, but no vehicle. You could have #50, and they would have # 50-A. The business with #50 will step off first, followed by # 50-A directly behind them. This is the return of a system we used several years ago. Please be aware of that on parade day.*

What do I need to know about lining up in preparation for the parade?

- From the parade organizers: *Walkers MUST stay on the sidewalk during lineup for safety and space reasons. Then, at step-off time, they can move from sidewalks into the street.*

What time will the parade begin?

- Sunday, June 26, 2022. (Sivan 27, 5782)
- Gather at the morning meeting point between 9-11am. Keshet reps will arrive between 10-10:30am to check in.
- The parade will step off at 12pm.

What time will the parade end?

- Mid- to late-afternoon.
- From parade organizers: *You will be directed by Parade Marshals to proceed up CANNON DRIVE. However, you are not allowed to stop on Cannon Drive (nor on Diversey immediately before arriving at Cannon Drive). Last year some entries were dropping off participants on Diversey causing a bottleneck and delay at the end of the parade by at least forty five minutes. All entries must proceed up Cannon Drive and out of the area.*

What transport/group travel options are available?

We encourage congregations/groups coming from the Northern suburbs to gather at the Howard Red Line stop and travel south on the Red Line together to the Wilson stop. Reach out to [your org rep \(listed below\)](#) if you have questions.

Please note that the start and end points of the parade are different; see route above.

Who are our parade monitors?

Lots of gratitude to the volunteers who signed up to be monitors! Those fulfilling this role on Sunday are as follows:

- Rylan Beal
- Rabbi Scott Gellman
- Ellie Kirshenbaum
- Naomi Looper
- Rabbi Steven Philp
- Carrie Seleman
- Carlton Triolo-Sapp

The monitor role is described by parade organizers as follows: *All registered parade entries are required to provide monitors for their entry who walk (not ride) along the route with their entry. One of the monitors should also assist Marshals in lining up your entry. NOTE: Monitors are different than “Marshals.” Marshals are provided by PRIDEChicago (parade organizers) and are stationed in the assembly area along the line-up street and also along the parade route.*

Monitors' responsibilities are:

- a) *Monitors must walk (not ride) down the route, on both the left hand & right hand sides of the entry. Even though iron barricades line most of the parade route, your monitors can act as a buffer between spectators and participants should it be needed. If necessary, monitors will politely urge spectators to stay a safe distance away from the entry. By doing so, they ensure that the entry moves steadily down the route without stopping.*
- b) *Monitors should also make sure that participants or spectators are not jumping off, stepping off, or climbing on floats or other vehicles. This is true whether the procession is moving or if it stops due to traffic issues. This can cause serious injuries.*
- c) *Monitors assist the Person-In-Charge of your entry in making sure that all your participants obey the parade rules (no tossing, no alcohol, no drugs, no nudity, etc). If people with your entry are not following the parade rules, your monitors should remind them and, if they do not obey, ask them to leave the entry.*
- d) *Monitors are not allowed to distribute samples because they will be too busy fulfilling their responsibilities as Monitors from parade step-off until the end of the parade route. So, if you plan to distribute samples, you must have different participants who will be distributing samples one at a time (not throwing) to spectators.*

Who can I bring to the parade?

Everyone! LGBTQ+ Jews, allies, folks of all faiths, and those of no faith are invited to show up in solidarity! Please be sure to note how many people you're bringing with you in the [registration form](#).

All ages are welcome! What a beautiful learning opportunity for all - from kids through elders - to see LGBTQ+ folks celebrating our communities and our love through music and dancing, through all kinds of costumes, through rainbows and color!

What kind of signage/banners/flags should I bring?

- Keshet will provide printed signs with congregation/organization names and our messages of solidarity with LGBTQ+ equality and belonging. If you would like to make or print your own sign, feel free to pull inspiration from these printable [LGBTQ+ Jewish Pride Signs](#).
- We are excited to celebrate local Chicago LGBTQ+ Jewish community! With this in mind, please do not bring any national flags to the parade (including American or Israeli flags). If you have a question about the design of a flag you wish to bring, please reach out to your org rep, listed below.
- From parade organizers: *We wanted to have something to honor Richard Pfeiffer at the first parade since his passing in 2019. We wanted something low key, but appropriate for the parade he so loved doing. Our choice is a button; one that has his picture (at the parade, of course) and a few words and dates of his heading the parade. We think he would like this and hope that entries will stop at the check in table to get a button for yourself and for others in your parade entry. They are only for people in the parade. Wear the button as a remembrance and maybe a thank you. Keep it and wear it next year's parade and maybe the next. We hope you like this small, but we think appropriate gesture.*

Are we distributing items during the parade?

- Yes! Keshet will provide stickers and postcards to pass to onlookers.
- Note from parade organizers: *Do NOT distribute any items, samples, etc. to spectators in the assembly area because you are subject to receiving a citation (ticket) if you do so. You must wait until your entry has PASSED the Broadway/Montrose intersection, as you travel down Broadway. Also keep in mind; DO NOT TOSS items to spectators. Distribute any samples or give-a-ways one at a time by walking over to the barricades and handing them to spectators as you proceed down the parade route. You can be ticketed by the police for tossing.*
- Note from parade organizers: **No Tossing Items From Your Entry! No items distributed on line-up streets!** *City rules and the parade insurance policy forbid participants from tossing items because of potential injuries to spectators. No objects including candy, beads, product samples or other materials may be thrown into the crowd from parade floats, parade vehicles or walking groups. This includes confetti, confetti canons or multi-colored dust. In addition, the City of Chicago has increased clean-up fees charged to parade organizers. According to the City of Chicago parade ordinance, the no tossing rule will be strictly enforced by the Chicago Police Department and the Mayor's Office of Special Events. If a parade entry does not cooperate after one warning, the entry may be ticketed and/or removed from the parade. The entry may also be prohibited from participating in future parades. However, parade entries may hand items to the crowd at the barricades on the parade route, but NOT in the line-up area.*

Participants can give away samples by hand, one at a time to spectators at the barricades as they proceed down the actual parade route.

What else should I bring?

- Sun protection (hats, sunscreen)
- Water (plenty to stay hydrated for the whole day!)
- Snacks (plenty for sustenance for the whole day!)
- Comfortable walking shoes (we will be standing and marching for several hours)
- Your congregation/organization's tshirt (your org rep will be in touch if you have one)
- Strollers and scooters welcome (no bikes please)
- Wearable glitter (but not glitter or streamers that leave a mess)
- A small, personal trash bag to dispose of trash *after* the parade instead of along the route.

Anything NOT to bring?

Parade organizers have asked us to leave the following at home:

- Balloons
- Bikes (strollers and scooters welcome)
- Glitter, confetti, or streamers that leave a mess (wearable glitter is fine!)
- Animals (your dog may be adorable in their pride outfit, but they'll have to be adorable on your Insta page instead of in-person)
- Water guns
- Fireworks, firecrackers or pyrotechnic acts, laser pointers or laser guns, drones or smoke machines
- Firearms
- Controlled substances: From parade organizers: *City ordinances and other laws PROHIBIT the public use of alcohol and drugs (including marijuana) by parade participants. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed to operate a motor vehicle in the parade. In addition, alcohol is not permitted at any time, anywhere along the parade route or assembly/staging area and disbanding area. According to the City of Chicago parade ordinance, this will be strictly enforced by the Chicago Police Department. You will be subject to receiving a costly ticket (\$1,000+) from the Chicago Police Department. The ordinance was updated to dramatically increase the fines related to public alcohol consumption.*

Will restrooms be available?

Restrooms are available only at the parade start/meeting point: Portable restrooms for parade entries will be located along the parade line up streets/assembly area. On Montrose Ave they are located on the south side of the street next to the wall that lines Montrose ave. On Broadway they are located at various sites along that part of the assembly area, and also on the Sheridan Road area of the assembly area.

What Covid safety protocols will be in place?

- From parade organizers: *We had to cancel both the 2020 and 2021 Pride parades due to safety concerns of the COVID pandemic. We still must keep watch of the continuing effects of the virus. That said, however, we do feel that current and hopefully future conditions make us much more optimistic for an in-person event.*
- Attendees are encouraged to be vaccinated, wear masks, and remain as socially distanced as possible. Please note that the large crowds of walkers and onlookers will make distancing a challenge. Take whatever care you need to remain safe as the pandemic continues.

What access needs will be met during the parade?

In previous years, participants have been able to ride in this group's float. This year we will be a walking group *without* a float. Please bring a mobility device if you need support while the group walks. If you have additional access needs, please reach out to your org rep (listed below).

What if the weather is bad?

The Pride Parade will take place rain or shine (except in such severe conditions such as but not limited to tornados, lightning storms, severe rain or wind.)

I have a question not answered above! Who can I contact?

Please reach out to your org rep:

- Anshe Emet: Cantor Liz Berke - eberke@ansheemet.org
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- Temple Jeremiah: Rabbi Rachel Heaps - rabiheaps@templejeremiah.org

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