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CITY NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES TO THE 59TH ANNUAL BEAVERTON CELEBRATION PARADE

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton invites local nonprofits, businesses, and community groups to participate in the 59th annual Beaverton Celebration Parade, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. The event celebrates Beaverton's welcoming, vibrant, and diverse community and will feature festive floats, marching bands, local celebrities and more.

This year, in commemoration of Beaverton High School's centennial celebration, the city has partnered with BHS to showcase the school's rich history and pride in the community. Participants are encouraged to decorate their entry with themes inspired by the school mascot Bucky the Beaver or the colors black and orange.

More than 100 entries participate every year. Entries for the 2016 parade must be received by Aug. 12 and will be limited to space available. There is no cost to participate.

For more information or to apply online, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Parade. Applicants must submit a signed waiver and release form, as well as an adult/child photo release form.

ABOUT THE BEAVERTON CELEBRATION PARADE

The Beaverton Celebration Parade began in 1957 and has grown into a citywide tradition. The 59th annual parade will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. The sixth annual Celebration 5K Fun Run will start the day's festivities at Griffith Park at 9 a.m. On Sunday, Sept. 11, as part of the celebration weekend, Bike Beaverton hosted by the Bicycle Advisory Committee will kick off at 1 p.m. at City Park.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best**

Planning Project by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption: The City of Beaverton is now accepting entries for the 59th annual Beaverton Celebration Parade, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. in downtown Beaverton. Participants are encouraged to decorate their entries with themes inspired by Beaverton High School's centennial celebration, featuring the colors orange and black or school mascot Bucky the Beaver. Applications are due Aug. 12. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*