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For Immediate Release

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The City of Danville, East Central Illinois AFL-CIO, and East Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council are proud to announce their partnership to ensure the continuation of the Danville Labor Day Parade, a community tradition that has been celebrated for more than 90 years.

As one of the largest Labor Day parades in the region, the event honors the contributions of organized labor in America and throughout the world. "We're incredibly proud to work alongside the East Central Illinois AFL-CIO to continue a parade that means so much to our community," said Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. "The Labor Day Parade is an opportunity to recognize workers, celebrate our community, and bring residents together."

The Labor Day Parade will be held on Monday, September 7. Parade lineup will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the parade stepping off promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Parade lineup will be located at the Hope Unlimited Church parking lot and along Walnut Street. The parade route will travel south on Vermilion Street, beginning at Williams Street and ending at Towne Center.

Labor organizations, businesses, and community groups interested in participating in the parade must register. To do so, please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44ACAF2DA3FEC43-64816781-labor>

Or contact Rheanna Pierce at Rpierce@cityofdanville.org or (217) 431 – 2879.

Grand Marshall: Connie Ostrander and Jim Ostrander (in memoriam).



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LABOR DAY PARADE RULES

1. Entries exceeding 13 feet in height will not be permitted due to overhead power lines along the parade route.
2. Entries may not exceed 50 feet in length for any single vehicle.
3. Entries are limited to a maximum of two vehicles. The only exception to this rule is for officially recognized car clubs.
4. The throwing of candy must be conducted in a safe and responsible manner. Reckless or indiscriminate candy throwing that may encourage children to enter the path of moving vehicles is strictly prohibited. To ensure the safety of spectators, participants are strongly encouraged to have walkers alongside their entry to distribute candy by hand rather than throwing it.
5. All youth groups must be under the supervision of responsible adults at all times during the parade.
6. Once positioned in your designated staging area, please turn off your vehicle until instructed otherwise.
7. Performances at the grandstand are limited to 60 seconds. Participants are asked to reserve their entire performance for the grandstand area. Maintaining the movement of the parade procession is essential. Please note that judges have advised that points may be deducted for performances exceeding the allotted time limit.
8. If your organization has two or more groups participating together, they must be combined into a single presentation for judging purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.
9. The discharge of firearms, gunpowder, fireworks, or similar devices is strictly prohibited.
10. Any participant who fails to comply with the instructions of parade committee members, law enforcement officers, or other authorized officials may be disqualified from competition and removed from the invitation list for the following year's parade.

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The City of Danville and East Central Illinois AFL – CIO Labor Day Parade

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 17, 2026

ENTRY CATEGORY

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT PERSON Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

NO FEE

- ☐ 1ST RESPONDERS
☐ UNION

Not-for-profit \$15.00

BUSINESS \$25.00

- ☐ YOUTH ☐ POLITICAL
☐ BAND ☐ CIVIC
☐ OPEN

☐ BUSINESS

DON'T FORGET YOUR ENTRY FEE/ PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO "The City of Danville, IL"

ENTRY SIZE

☐ CAR ☐ PICKUP ☐ FLOAT (length) _____ ☐ OTHER _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES _____ TOTAL LENGTH OF ENTRY _____

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION (please print):

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