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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Shaun. I joined the Oakfield Betterment Committee as a volunteer two years ago and have been elected to be the parade chairman. I did the Labor Days parade last year and it was the first time I have ever organized such an event. This year I am working hard on making this parade run more smoothly. I have included all info and forms needed to be part of our annual parade tradition. This year's theme is "Oakfield Through Time". Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to the parade this year. Thank you so much for your participation. I cannot wait to hear back from you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Negvesky". The signature is stylized with long, sweeping strokes.

Shaun Negvesky

PARADE CHAIR

Oakfield Labor Day Parade 2017 Registration Form

Monday, September 4th, 2017 – Parade Begins at 10 a.m.

Please complete and Mail or Email to:

Oakfield Betterment Committee, Attn: Shaun Negvesky, PO Box 2, Oakfield, New York 14125

Phone: 757-547-6103 – Email: pappaskee@yahoo.com

Registration Must Be Received By Friday, August 25th, 2017

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

*****JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES*****

Category to be Judged:

Marching Band

1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50

Fire Department

1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50

If you are a Fire Department, will you be entering:

- An Aerial
- A Pumper
- A Tanker
- Utility & Rescue
- Antique Hand Drawn Fire Apparatus
- Antique Motorized Fire Equipment

Novelty Band, Act or Float

1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50

I am a group who is participating by walking in the Parade, but do not wish to enter the judging

Description of Your Organization

Description of Your Parade Float or Group

Other details you wish to share

COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Confirmation Email Sent: _____

Staging Area: _____ Position#: _____

Oakfield Labor Day Celebration
“Oakfield Through Time”
Monday, September 4th, 2017
Oakfield, New York

Our Parade has been a staple in *Our Community* commemorating Labor Day for over 30 years. Our local residents look forward to this wonderful event each year, and we welcome visitors from all over Western New York. We are pleased that you are interested in joining the many community groups, clubs, youth groups, businesses and marching bands in our Parade. We look forward to celebrating Oakfield Labor Day with you!

These are some important points to remember:

- Parade Theme is “Oakfield Through Time”
- The Parade will be held rain or shine.
- Parade participants will assemble at Oakfield- Alabama Central School, 7001 Lewiston Road, Oakfield, NY at 9 a.m.; entering at the **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING ENTRANCE**.
- Parade route is straight down Main Street, onto Drake Street, ending at the Oakfield Town Park where Parade participants are invited to meet family and friends for Entertainment, Crafts, Games, Food and Fun for all.
- Parade Floats can be parked at the Oakfield Town Hall. Please do not block any driveways.
- An Email will be sent confirming your participation and indicating your staging area.

Questions? Contact:

Parade Chair: Shaun Negvesky

Email: pappaskee@yahoo.com, Phone: 757-547-6103

Parade Registration Package

Your registration form/application should be returned to Oakfield Betterment, Attn: Shaun - Parade Chair, PO Box 2, Oakfield, New York 14125, you may also scan your application to the above email by Friday, August 25th, 2017. Please complete the form in its entirety.

Parade Route, Staging Area & Time

- Oakfield- Alabama Central School will be used for the staging area. You will receive an email confirming your registration that identifies your staging area and number.
- On the day of the parade, volunteers will assist in locating your specific spot in the designated staging areas. There will be road closures, so please plan for delays when arriving.
- Arrival time is 9 a.m. The Parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Participant Specifications

- **Floats:** Float entry vehicles must be in good working condition. Floats should include a sign identifying the business or group that is sponsoring the float. Sponsors may enter to be judged in only one category. Float drivers are encouraged to park their floats at the Oakfield Town Hall after the parade, offering a further chance for spectators to appreciate the creativity and time involved in its' construction.
- **Equestrians:** Equestrian entries should make provisions for clean-up during the parade. Each Equestrian group should provide a sign identifying his or her group. Equestrians will not be judged.
- **Groups:** Marching Bands, Boy/Girl Scouts Troops, Cheering Groups and Performing Groups who are walking the Parade route are asked to provide enough chaperones for proper supervision before, during and after the Parade. Please carry a sign identifying your group or sponsor.

Judges & Judging Criteria

- There will be 3-5 judges, selected for their backgrounds in the areas of entertainment, community activity, and/or parade experience.
- On the day of the Parade, the Judges will be given their Judge's forms and an orientation by the Parade Coordinators. Each Judge's form will include a list of participating groups, the category in which each is competing, and a brief description of the float provided from the Registration Form.
- Performance groups will be judged during the Parade only. No pre-parade judging will take place for the performance groups.
- Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. on the Main Stage.
- Prizes will be awarded by check, either picked up by the **contact on file** at the Concession Stand the day of the event or mailed to the Parade Float or Performance Group Sponsor.

Judging Categories & Prizes

Community Representatives will be judging:

- Best Appearing Fire Department: 1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50
- Best Appearing Marching Band: 1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50

Local Community Members will be judging:

- Best Novelty Band, Act or Float: 1st Prize: \$100, 2nd Prize: \$75, 3rd Prize: \$50

Judging Criteria

Parade Theme (25 Points)

How well does the group portray the theme of the Parade, "Oakfield Through Time"?

General Effect/Execution in Presentation (25 Points)

How well does the entry present itself? Was its' execution, during the Parade creative, eye-catching and fun? How well did it entertain the audience? There were no mistakes with execution of any kind, or, if there were, the mistakes did not take away from the overall presentation.

Workmanship (25 Points)

Is the craftsmanship in the entry complex, in its details? It is obvious that creative thought and time was put into the workmanship of the entry and/or it used unique material. What was the level of construction difficulty? Are there "moving parts" on the float? Did the performance group design a difficult routine, have appealing movements and reflect the use of creative thought and time. Uniform/costume reflects well upon the performance.

Originality (25 Points)

Does the entry impress the audience and judges with its' overall creativity and uniqueness in appearance and presentation.