



2024 Bastrop TX MARDI GRAS

Downtown Parade

February 3, 2024 – 10 am

It's time to pack up your tinsel and
bring out the Mardi Gras beads!

The City of Bastrop will celebrate Mardi Gras in a BIG WAY for the first time! The 2-day festivities include a Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, Feb 3 at 10:00 am! We would love for you to decorate a float, car, or golf cart and join the fun. Mardi Gras parades traditionally allow you to throw beads, candy, cups, moon pies, or candy. So, in the spirit of Mardi Gras, the City of Bastrop will allow parade entries to have throws!

There is no fee to participate. You must bring your registration and entry information forms with you on the morning of the parade to be put in the line-up. There is a different route for the Mardi Gras parade! The line-up will be at Fisherman's Park, and the route will include the north side of Chestnut, so we do not have to shut down Chestnut Street. As always, we want you to keep the parade moving - with no stops to solicit or perform.

- Line up in Fisherman's Park – **Enter only from Willow Street.**
- Bring a copy of your information sheet and registration form that morning.
- Dance Troupes or Walking Groups cannot stop to perform or solicit funds.
- Please have walkers on each side of your float to keep children from running out in front of your float/entry.
- **DO NOT THROW ALCOHOL OR JELLO SHOTS from your float/entry.**

2024 Bastrop TX Mardi Gras Parade Rules and Regulations

1. Bring a copy of your parade registration and information form with you on the morning of the parade. The parade line-up will be in the order that participants arrive at check-in. Floats/entries must be parade-ready! Think Green/Gold/Purple!!
2. A prep area will not be available as space is limited in Fisherman's Park.
3. The Parade will begin promptly at 10:00 am.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by drivers or participants before or during the parade is forbidden.
5. All large motorized vehicles must have a licensed driver. Small motorized vehicles (minibikes, small tractors, go-carts) must be operated by a person aged twelve years or older.
6. Entries must use extreme caution during the parade. Drivers must not display excessive acceleration and must always completely control their float and its participants.
7. Riders shall not hang over the sides of the floats or vehicles. **Riders may not get on or off the floats during the parade. Participants may exit their float only when they reach a disassembly area.**
8. **Once you turn on Spring Street, you must continue past Pecan Street. You cannot unload at this location, and you must keep moving. These details should be shared with all participants in your group - no unloading on city streets. City Hall and the Convention Center are available for unloading.**
9. The maximum height for any float entry is twelve feet.
10. Due to parade pacing and sharp turns in the parade route, **NO 18 WHEELERS OR TRACTOR TRAILERS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
11. All parade entries must be decorated in Mardi Gras themes and colors!
12. **Any horses participating in the parade must have a negative Coggins Test presented to the parade committee along with their parade entry forms. All reports must be within date - no out-of-date forms will be accepted. Horses must be diapered, or you must have walkers behind each horse to clean up after your horses.**
13. Participants choosing to disregard these rules may not be allowed to participate.
14. Dance Troupes and Walking Groups cannot stop to perform or solicit funds. You must keep moving!
15. The Mardi Gras parade entries can throw beads, candy, plastic-themed cups, and moon pies. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO THROW ALCOHOL OR JELLO SHOTS.**
16. You must bring a copy of your registration and entry forms to receive your number and be placed in the line-up.

BASTROP TX MARDI GRAS PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

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THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO PARTICPATE.

You must bring a copy of this registration to check in on the day of the parade.

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Organization, Business, or Individual being represented on the float:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Type of Entry: _____

If 'Other', please provide description:

Entry Length: _____ Entry Height: _____

All parade entries must be decorated for Mardi Gras with Mardi Gras colors and themes. Floats must be parade-ready to receive a registration number. Line-up starts in Fisherman's Park at 8:00 am. To enter the Line-Up Area, please enter from Carter and Willow Street. It will be one-way only. You will not be able to enter from Farm Street.

For more information, call 512-332-8984 or email kdanielson@cityofbastrop.org.

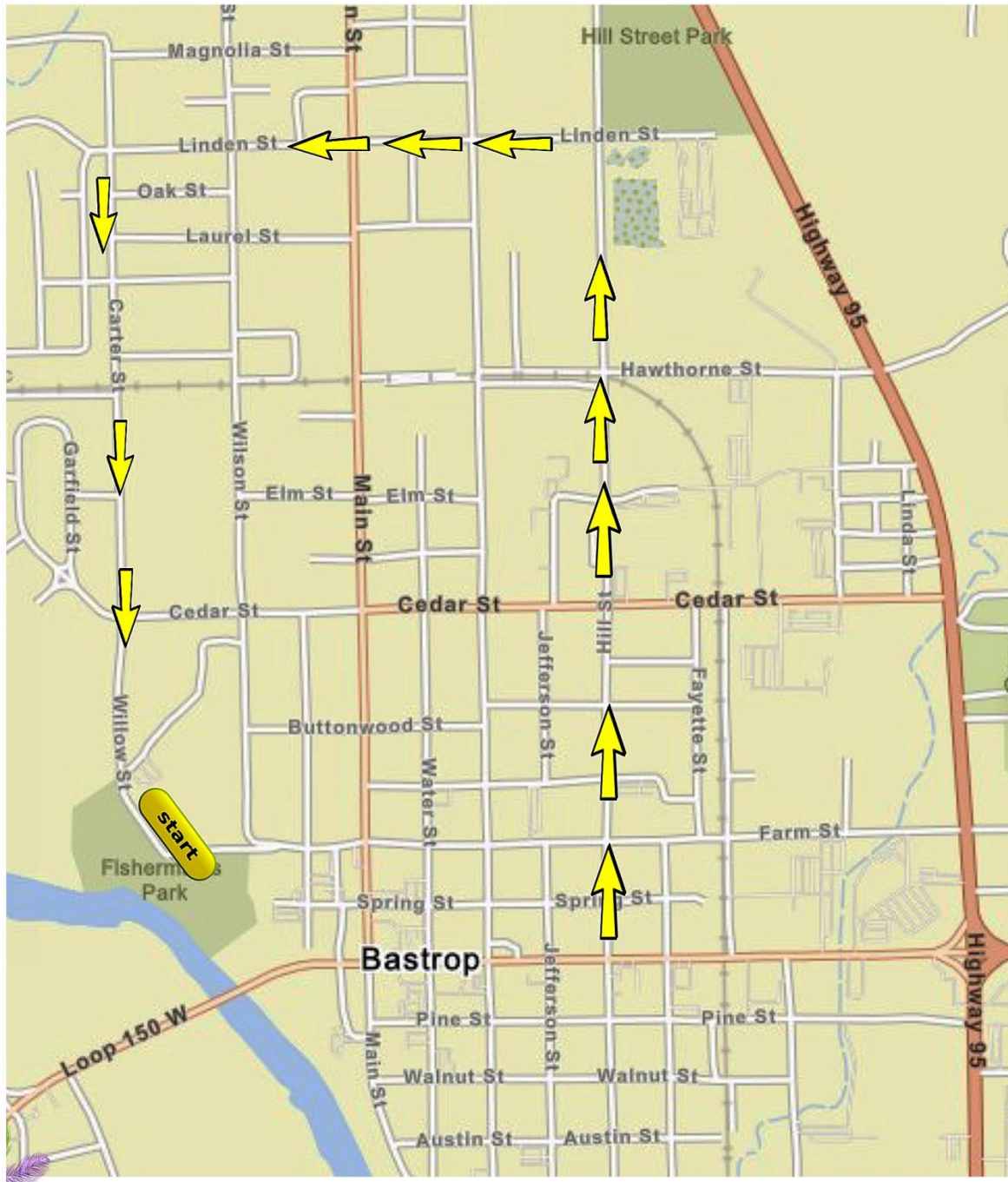
I have read and understand all Bastrop Mardi Gras Parade rules. I hereby release the City of Bastrop from liability for any damage, bodily injury, or other mishap during the parade, registration, or other activity involved in parade participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



- PARADE ROUTE
- PARADE STAGING & LINE UP
- VENDORS & MUSIC
- GUMBO COOK OFF

BASTROP TX MARDI GRAS PARADE PARTICIPANTS LINE-UP INSTRUCTIONS



HOW TO GET IN LINE FOR THE PARADE DUE TO STREET CLOSURES

1. Take Hill Street north to Linden Street, turn left on Linden
2. Take Linden Street to Carter Street, turn left on Carter
3. Carter Street transitions into Willow Street
4. Willow Street at Fisherman's Park starts the Parade Line-up along Willow/Carter