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**Community Invited to Participate in Birmingham Hometown Parade**

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., March 26, 2015 – For more than 40 years, the City of Birmingham has kicked off the spring and summer season with a community parade. The treasured community tradition, titled the Birmingham Hometown Parade, is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. in downtown Birmingham. Members of the Birmingham community and surrounding areas are cordially invited to participate in the parade. Children's activities, strolling parade performers, a tribute to veterans, food and live music will be held in Shain Park immediately after the parade.

School groups, marching bands, girl/boy scouts, karate clubs, dance classes, veterans, organizations and businesses are encouraged to march in this year's parade. Residents who own a Jeep are being asked to participate by escorting local veterans through the parade. Take advantage of this fun, unique opportunity to become involved with the Birmingham community.



Birmingham Hometown Parade  
Photo courtesy of Carroll DeWeese

Coinciding with a brand new exhibit about Woodward Avenue at the Birmingham Historical Museum, this year's parade theme is "History's Highway, the Story of Woodward Avenue." From a major Native American Trail to modern-day transportation corridor, Woodward Avenue has shaped the City of Birmingham in many fascinating ways. Participants and parade-goers are encouraged to be creative and take part in this year's theme.

To register, please complete an online registration form at <http://bit.ly/bhamparaderegistration>. Registration forms must be submitted by Friday, April 17, 2015. A letter of confirmation and parade positions will be sent the second week of May. For more information, contact Sheila Brown at 248.530.1880 or visit [www.bhamgov.org/parade](http://www.bhamgov.org/parade).

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