



2016 Chicago Pride Parade line of march released

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Over 1 million people expected at Chicago Pride Parade, Sunday, June 26

CHICAGO, IL -- The organizers of the 47th annual Chicago Pride Parade, have released the parade line-up, which includes 160 entries featuring colorful floats, decorated vehicles, marching bands and walking contingents representing community businesses, organizations, elected governmental officials and individuals.

The parade will kick-off with a tribute to the 49 killed in Orlando LGBT bar Pulse, sponsored by Windy City Times and ChicagoPride.com. Followed by the color guard headed up by the "Scouts For Equality" who will be carrying several flags including United States, State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago, rainbow Pride flags and the State of Florida in honor of the Orlando victims. The group is made up of Scouts and their supportive families and friends.

The Grand Marshal for this year's parade is ["Chicago Fire" star Monica Raymund](#).

When the 2016 parade steps off at noon on Sunday, June 26, there will be 55 less entries, down from 215 that participated in 2015. Reducing the total to 160 entries should reduce the overall length of the parade by 30 or 45 minutes, said [PRIDEChicago](#) coordinator Richard Pfeiffer.

Even before concerns over the Orlando tragedy, parade organizers announced a plan to increase the security presence along the 21-block parade route, nearly doubling the number of off-duty police officers from 90 last year to 160 this year.

At a [news conference last week](#), Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson announced there will be an increased presence of uniformed police officers, including officers on bike, civilian-dressed officers throughout the event and specially trained canines. Johnson stressed there is no evidence of a threat against the LGBT community in Chicago.

Like last year, a zero-tolerance policy for drinking along the parade route will be enforced with checkpoints along the route and could result in fines up to \$1,000 for open containers.

"If people come to the parade with open bottles of alcohol, they are stopped," Pfeiffer told ChicagoPride.com. "That will be done again, and that's true of every parade (in Chicago), not unique to (just) the Pride Parade."

The parade, which is expected to draw over 1 million people, will begin at Broadway and Montrose in the Uptown neighborhood. The parade will then travel south on Broadway; then south on Halsted; then east on Belmont; then south on Broadway; then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive.

Chicago's annual Pride Parade is the culmination of June Pride Month and is organized by [PRIDEChicago](#) under the direction of Pfeiffer. (www.chicagopridecalendar.org)

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1 Intro—Banner/Orlando Photos (a tribute to the 49 killed in Orlando LGBT bar Pulse, sponsored by Windy City Times and [ChicagoPride.com](#))/Color Guard (Scouts for Equality)/Grand Marshal Monica Raymund with Clandestina — cars/walkers

2 Friends of the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame - float/car/walkers

- 3 [Puerto Rican Cultural Center](#) — Vida/SIDA — float/walkers
- 4 La Casa Norte w/Bank of America LGBT Pride Chicago group — trolley/walkers
- 5 Nettelhorst School — golf cart/walkers
- 6 Chicago Waldorf School — bus/walkers
- 7 Near North Montessori School — bus/walkers
- 8 Erie Family Health Center - walkers
- 9 American Veterans for Equal Rights/Jesse Brown VA Medical Center —car/walkers
- 10 Gay, Lesbian and Supporting Sailors (G.L.A.S.S.) — walkers
- 11 Lakeside Pride Music Ensembles — band w/van
- 12 Lesbian Gay Police Association/GOAL Chicago-float & police superintendent rep - car
- 13 Folia Brasil — walkers
- 14 Entry lines up on Sheridan: Organized Chaos Chicago — motorcycles w/Jeep
- 15 Elected Officials and candidates for elective office — walkers
- 16 Entry lines up on Sheridan: Bikes and Mics - motorcycles
- 17 ABC7 Chicago — float
- 18 Chicago Teachers Union, Local 1 — float/walkers
- 19 Chicago Black Gay Men's Caucus — car/walkers
- 20 [Equality Illinois](#)/Coca Cola Company — float/walkers
- 21 Uber Technologies — float/walkers
- 22 Trevor Project - walkers
- 23 Angles Pride Youth Program (formerly LINKS) — walkers
- 24 City Colleges of Chicago — float/walkers
- 25 Lambda Legal & Salesforce — float/walkers
- 26 UCAN — truck/walkers
- 27 Balloons by Tommy, LLC — bus/walkers

- 28 BP Products North America (Pride Business Resource Group) — bus/walkers
- 29 [Chicago Gender Society](#) & ChiChapter — float
- 30 Heels & Hardhats Contracting & Chicago Area Construction Trade Unions - truck
- 31 [Chicago Gay Hockey Association](#) — SUV/walkers
- 32 Chicago Dragons Rugby Football Team — walkers
- 33 [Center on Halsted](#) — float/walkers
- 34 AARP — trolley
- 35 Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce — float/walkers
- 36 MB Financial Bank — trolley/walkers
- 37 LGBT Chamber of Commerce of IL — trolley
- 38 PAWS Chicago — float/walkers
- 39 Windy City Cowboys — pickup truck/walkers
- 40 Hyatt Hotels Corporation (HyPride Business Resource Group) — float/walkers
- 41 R.O.T.C. (Righteously OUTrageous Twirling Corps) — pickup truck/walkers
- 42 Comcast Cable Communication (Out Chicago) & NBC Universal — double decker bus/walkers
- 43 Telemundo Chicago — float/walkers
- 44 Chicago Spirit Brigade with Youth Outlook — SUV/walkers
- 45 Howard Brown Health, [Chicago House](#), TPAN/Ride for AIDS/[Affinity Community Services](#) — float/walkers
- 46 [PFLAG Council of Northern Illinois](#); Johnson & Johnson — trailer/walkers
- 47 Navigant (LGBTQA employee resource group) — float/walkers
- 48 Advocate [Illinois Masonic Medical Center](#) — trolley/walkers
- 49 [Sidetrack](#) — float/walkers
- 50 AIDS Healthcare Foundation/South Side Help Center — bus/walkers
- 51 WGN Television — float/walkers
- 52 WGN Radio with Jewel Foods — float/walkers
- 53 Asians & Friends Chicago — float/walkers

- 54 LEAGUE at AT&T Chicago Chapter — float/walkers
- 55 Univision Chicago — float/walkers
- 56 Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches — van/walkers
- 57 Unity in Chicago — trolley/walkers
- 58 Episcopal Diocese of Chicago — vehicle/walkers
- 59 Dignity/Chicago — Jeep/walkers
- 60 A Church 4 Me MCC — flatbed/walkers
- 61 [Congregation Or Chadash](#) & Am Kesaet of Temple Sholom - float/walkers
- 62 Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah — SUV/walkers
- 63 Anti-Defamation League & Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest (Consulate of Israel) — float/walkers
- 64 Elmhurst College — van/walkers
- 65 Nike (LGBT & Friends Employee Network) & OutSports (Be True Out Sports)-walkers
- 66 Athletic Alliance of Chicago — float/walkers
- 67 Chicago Smelts Swim Team — float/walkers
- 68 [Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association](#) — float
- 69 [Grab Magazine](#) — float
- 70 Human Rights Campaign — vehicle/walkers
- 71 Wells Fargo & Co (Pride Chicago Team) & [Chicago Gay Men's Chorus](#)-float/walkers
- 72 Chicago Boyz — double decker bus
- 73 Robert Jeffrey Hair Studio — float
- 74 Chicago Cubs — float
- 75 OUT CHICAGO/@ Properties — float/walkers
- 76 KPMG LLP (pride@kpmg) — trolley/walkers
- 77 PepsiCo (EQUAL) — double decker bus
- 78 [Roscoe's Tavern](#) — flatbed

79 Chicago Fire Soccer Club & Section 8 Chicago NFP — firetruck/walkers

80 Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center — float

81 BMO Harris Bank (LGBT Employee Group) & Chicago Bulls — float/walkers

82 Rush Pride/Rush University — float/walkers

83 Presence Saint Joseph Hospital — trolley

84 Alcalá's Western Wear/Bisexual Queer Alliance Chicago — float/walkers

85 Chicago Northside Toyota — trolley

86 Orbitz — Jeep/walkers

87 National Gay Pilots Association — flatbed/walkers

88 PRIDE EBRG American Airlines — golf cart mini plane/walkers

89 Boeing Company (BEAGLES Chicago) — pickup truck/walkers

90 United Airlines (EQUAL) — truck/walkers

91 Rainbow Special Interest Group of Chicago Area Mensa — vehicle/walkers

92 WXRT (93XRT) & Four Seasons Heating & Cooling — float/walkers

93 Trojan — float/walkers

94 LA Tan — float/walkers

95 Lurie Children's Hospital — walkers

96 Flaggots Ohio — SUV/walkers

97 WCIU, The U — double decker bus

98 I Heart Media-WKSC 103.5 KISS FM & Redd's Apple Ale — float

99 Purdue University LGBTQ+ Student Alliance - walkers

100 Chicago Leather Pride — truck/walkers

101 Foreskin Pride — SUV/walkers

102 [Hell in a Handbag Productions](#) — flatbed/walkers

103 [Phoenix Bar & Nightclub](#) — float

104 DePaul University — walkers

- 105 [Gay Liberation Network](#) — pickup truck/walkers
- 106 Chicago NOW — car/walkers
- 107 [About Face Theatre](#) - walkers
- 108 Fox 32 Chicago — float/walkers
- 109 Thousand Waves Martial Arts & Self Defense Center NFP — walkers
- 110 Fantasy Nightclub — float/walkers
- 111 Stages Music Hall aka Smart Bar — float/walkers
- 112 SEIU Illinois Council — float
- 113 Civis Analytics — walkers
- 114 [Broadway In Chicago](#) — float/walkers
- 115 McGrath Lexus of Chicago — float/walkers
- 116 Mercy for Animals — SUV/walkers
- 117 Local 881 United Food and Commercial Workers — float/walkers
- 118 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois — float/walkers
- 119 Accenture and Avanade (LGBT groups) — double decker bus/walkers
- 120 Astellas US LLC — float/walkers
- 121 Northrop Grumman Corp (Pride in Diversity Alliance [PrIDA])—trolley/walkers
- 122 United Way of Metropolitan Chicago — float/walkers
- 123 Walgreens — pickup truck/walkers
- 124 Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. (Take Pride) — float/walkers
- 125 Aon Plc/Aon Service Corporation - walkers
- 126 Thresholds — float/walkers
- 127 LinkedIn (Out@in) — SUV/walkers
- 128 UNITEHERE Local 1 — float/walkers
- 129 Lakeshore Recycling Systems — truck/walkers

130 FCB Chicago — float/walkers

131 Baxter Healthcare Corporation (Baxter Equality Network) — trolley/walkers

132 ReMarked Salon/Concept Effects - trolley

133 JPMorgan Chase (Pride Chicago) — float/walkers

134 Lakeshore Beverage — car/walkers

135 Sears Holding Corporation (PRIDE) — float/walkers

136 Starbucks (Pride Alliance) — Range Rover/walkers

137 [Allstate Insurance](#) Co. (PRIDE Employee Resource Group) — float/walkers

138 Gerber Collision & Glass — van/walkers

139 Deloitte LLP (Deloitte Chicago Inclusion Council) — float/walkers

140 Siemens Corporation (Siemens Pride) — trolley/walkers

141 Mars "Pride" Team — float/walkers

142 Discover Financial Services — trolley/walkers

143 Chicago Athletic Clubs — float/walkers

144 Bloomingdale's - walkers

145 Thompson Chicago hotel — float/walkers

146 Chicago Apartment Finders Leasing Division of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage—car/walkers

147 Tyson Foods, Inc. (Tyson Pride Network) — extended float/walkers

148 Marriott International (ONE) - walkers

149 Groupon — float/walkers

150 Tesla Motors — car/walkers

151 JLL — float/walkers

152 TD Ameritrade — pickup truck/walkers

153 Tree House Humane Society and Heal Veterinary Clinic — float/walkers

154 Gap Inc. (Gap GEAR-Gay Employee, Allies & Resources) - walkers

155 CME Group, Inc. (PRIDE) — float/walkers

156 W.W. Grainger, Inc. (Equality Alliance Business Resource Group) — SUV/walkers

157 Fitness Formula Clubs — flatbed/walkers

158 Constellation Brands — double decker bus

159 Pandora Internet Radio — Chicago Office (Chicago Pride) — truck/walkers

160 ComEd — Bucket truck/walkers