



NEW BERN MARDI GRAS
in Historic Ghent

New Bern Mardi Gras 2020 | Saturday, February 22, 2020 | 11 AM – 5 PM
Historic Ghent on Spencer Avenue between Second Street & Fourth Street

New Bern Mardi Gras 2020 PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2020

- Parade registration is \$25. (No fee for Sponsors!) After you fill out the form you'll be redirected to the payment page.
- OR you may mail **the downloadable form** with your payment to: Ghent Neighborhood Association, 1903 Spencer Ave, New Bern, NC 28560 (with check payable to Ghent Neighborhood Association).
- **PLEASE NOTE: Absolutely NO same-day sign-ups and NO same-day payments. Thank you.**
- Float/participant types include: floats, truck/trailer, antique cars or motorcycles, horses and riders, horse carriages, dancers, musicians, walking groups, hula hoopers, creative vehicles (tricycles, coolers, pedi-cabs, scooters, Segways), etc.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to dress in Mardi Gras and related costumes.
- We will ask you closer to the event the approximate length and width of your float for line-up and ease of flow for the parade, or the approximate number of people in your walking or car or horse group, etc.
- All floats **MUST** be decorated in Mardi Gras colors or decorations.
- Parade registrants will be provided with a small starter pack of Mardi Gras beads.
- **You are HIGHLY encouraged to purchase additional Mardi Gras beads (“throws”) to toss to spectators. They go very quickly—get extras!! Seriously!!** (Candy is fine, too, but not traditional for Mardi Gras.)
- Please keep your float and costume family friendly!
- Parade line-up begins at 2 pm—participants will be given line-up location before the event.
- **Parade is at 3 pm.**
- **PLEASE arrive for line-up no later than 2:30 pm** so there is time to get checked in and lined up.
- All parade participants must pre-register and pre-pay by February 15. Again, **NO same-day sign-ups and NO same-day payments.**
- **Weather:** This is an all-weather event, and there is no rain date. The New Bern Mardi Gras 2020 committee will address any serious weather concerns and will communicate any cancellation promptly.

For more information, contact us at Vendors@NewBernMardiGras.com.

Business or Group Name: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Business or Contact Person Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PayPal Account Name and E-Mail: _____

OR Check Number: _____

Please tell us a little about your group or float: _____

Remember, we'll contact you closer to the event to find out the size of your float or vehicle(s) or group for ease of parade line-up and flow.

Please note: This is a fun-only, no politics, no religion, family-friendly event. New Bern Mardi Gras 2020 reserves the right to turn down any sponsorship, parade participants, or vendors.

Thank you for joining our parade!

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