

New Bern Mardi Gras • Saturday, February 10, 2024 • 11 AM - 5 PM

PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

Registration Deadline: January 31, 2024

Parade registration is \$25. (No fee for Sponsors!)

- **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 lineup 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.
- **You're encouraged to purchase 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, FYI.)
- Please keep your float and costume family friendly!
- Parade line-up begins at 12:30 pm.
- **Parade is at 1:30 pm.**
- **PLEASE arrive for line-up no later than 1:00 pm** so there is time to get checked in and lined up.
- All parade participants must pre-register and pre-pay by January 31. 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 committee will address any serious weather concerns and will communicate any cancellation promptly.

Please note:

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

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

FORM BELOW

Parade Registration 2024

Business or Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PayPal Name and E-Mail: _____

OR Check Number: _____

Please tell us a little bit 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 lineup and flow.

You may mail your form with your payment to: Ghent Neighborhood Association, 1317 Spencer Ave, New Bern, NC 28560 (with check payable to Ghent Neighborhood Association) or pay online at <https://newbernmaidigras.com/pay-here-parade/>. There is a \$35 fee for checks returned for insufficient funds, etc.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR PARADE!