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Greetings!

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **2026 Philippine Independence Day Parade** on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**. Attached are the **Parade Registration Form** for the 2026 Philippine Independence Day Celebration.

This year, we commemorate the **128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence**, with the theme: ***"Let us live the freedom we celebrate and lift the nation we love."***

This theme reminds us that freedom is not only a legacy, but a responsibility. As we honor the struggles and triumphs of our forebears, we are also called to embody the values of unity, service, and love for our heritage. By celebrating together, we uplift our community and inspire future generations to carry forward the spirit of nationhood with pride and purpose.

As we mark this important occasion, we also pay tribute to the strength and resilience of Filipinos across the globe who continue to preserve our culture and uphold our shared identity. Through our collective participation, we celebrate our rich traditions and showcase the vibrant and diverse spirit of the Filipino people.

You are receiving this invitation because you have previously participated in our parade or have expressed interest in joining.

Kindly download and complete the registration form, then email it to Nonong.aquino@pidci.org or parade@pidci.org.

Registration fees may be sent via **Zelle: treasurer@pidci.org** on or before April 22, 2026.

You may also mail your completed form together with your check (please make checks payable to **PIDCI**) to:

Nonong Aquino
1745 Dekalb Avenue
Ridgewood, NY 11385

If you are no longer the contact person for your organization, we kindly request that you forward this email to the appropriate individual. Please also feel free to share this invitation with any groups interested in joining the parade.

For further inquiries, please contact **Nonong Aquino (Parade Chairperson)** at Nonong.aquino@pidci.org or **646-496-7985**.

Thank you very much, and warmest regards to you!

Magkita-kita po tayo muli sa Parada!


Nonong Aquino
Parade Chairperson


Ofelia FRAIN
President

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY COUNCIL INC.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Contact Number: _____

Alternate Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Fax Number: _____

PARADE ENTRY

Please describe the nature of your parade entry:

<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers Only	Expected # of Marchers: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Open-Top Convertible Car (Community Org)	Expected # of Marchers: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Open-Top Convertible Car (Private or Business)	Expected # of Marchers: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Float (PIDCI Supplied)	Expected # of Marchers: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Float (NOT PIDCI Supplied)	Expected # of Marchers: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Open-Top Convertible Car ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private or Business Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> Float ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PIDCI supplied <input type="checkbox"/> Not PIDCI Supplied

PARTICIPANTS DESCRIPTION

- Please describe the nature of your parade entry (2-3 SENTENCES ONLY) by filling out the space provided below.
- This information will be used when participants pass by the Reviewing Stand.
- What do you want us to say about your participation in the parade? Attachments or extra pages are strictly prohibited and not acceptable.
- The Parade Committee has the right to change the description of your participation if necessary. If description is not provided, the Emcee will just announce the organization's name.



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PARADE REGISTRATION FEES

As a **participant**, please understand that the **Philippine Independence Day Parade** is funded by donations and sponsorships. To continue this wonderful event, we respectfully request a minimum registration fee of **\$100 (Marchers Only)** to the **Philippine Independence Day Council Incorporated**. Sponsorship for the parade may also be made. Please see "CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES" that will give you the maximum exposure during PIDCI Events.

The Registration Fee of **\$100** is **waived** for participants for **Float** or **Open-Top Convertible Car**. All registration fee are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

Type of Entry	Registration Fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers Only	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Open-Top Convertible Car (Community Org)	\$ 300
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Open-Top Convertible Car (Private or Business)	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Float (PIDCI Supplied)	\$3,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Marchers with Float (NOT PIDCI Supplied)	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Open-Top Convertible Car (Community Org)	\$ 300
<input type="checkbox"/> Open-Top Convertible Car (Private or Business)	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/> Float (PIDCI Supplied)	\$3,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Float (NOT PIDCI Supplied)	\$1,000

Payment Options:

CHECK is payable to **PIDCI**. Amount enclosed \$_____.

Zelle: treasurer@pidci.org (Business Name: Philippine independence Day Council Inc.)

PARADE DETAILS

- Parade is on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**
- Parade will be along Madison Avenue from 38th Street to 27th Street.
- Assembly time will be from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at your assigned location.
- Opening ceremony will be at 11:45 AM. Parade will start at 12:00 NN.
- The REVIEWING STAND on Madison Avenue between 29th & 30th Streets is STRICTLY for authorized individuals, special guests and parade judges.

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Nonong Aquino (Parade Chairperson)

Mail: **Address:** 1745 Dekalb Avenue Ridgewood, NY 11385 (with **CHECK** or a copy of **ZELLE CONFIRMATION**)

Email: nonong.aquino@pidci.org (with copy of proof of payment)

The **DEADLINE** to register for the parade is **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**.

AGREEMENT

We agree to participate in the **Philippine Independence Day Parade on Sunday, June 7, 2026**, and fully agree to conform and abide to the **PARADE GUIDELINES** and Additional Guidelines stated in this parade registration form.

Printed Name & Signature

Date

For inquiries: Call/Text PARADE CHAIR NONONG AQUINO (646-496-7985)

Email us at: parade@pidci.org or nonong.aquino@pidci.org



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PARADE GUIDELINES

Please initial each applicable line to confirm that you have read, fully understood, and accepted the items listed below: (*required)

PARADE COMMITTEE *

- Composed of parade organizers and parade marshals. Solely responsible for planning and implementing the parade sequence.
- Responsible for implementing the parade guidelines.
- Reserves the right to refuse participation or remove participants not conforming to the guidelines or who are refusing instructions from the parade officials.
- Sequencing and starting time may change as deemed necessary by the committee.
- The decision of the Parade Committee is **FINAL**.

PARTICIPANTS *

- Must follow the instructions of the parade organizers and parade marshals.
- Must submit a completed PARADE REGISTRATION FORM before **April 30, 2026**.
- Must provide a short description of the delegation such as presentation, theme and attire.
- Must CHECK-IN with the parade marshals upon arrival in designated waiting area.
- Must be creative with their participation by bringing life, color and music to their delegation.
- Must wear costumes or outfits that conform to standards of decency.
- Must have all portable external power-source or generators be fully secured.

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- **Assembly time** will be from **10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**.
- **Opening ceremony** will be at 11:45 AM. Parade will **START** at exactly **12:00 NN**.
- Participants who arrive **LATE** will march after all other groups have marched.
- Participants are **NOT ALLOWED** to transfer to another delegation unless they wear the prescribed outfit of the respective organization.
- The parade will take place in **RAIN** or **SHINE**.
- The **REVIEWING STAND** on Madison Ave. between 29th & 30th Streets is **STRICTLY** for authorized individuals, special guests and parade judges.

PARTICIPANTS WITH OPEN-TOP CONVERTIBLE CAR

- Must submit **PAYMENT** of \$300 for Community Organization or \$500 for Private/ Business Entity to the Parade Committee.
- Must know that **FEES IS NON-REFUNDABLE** if parade is cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Must have valid vehicle registration, driver's license, and liability insurance ready at all times as required by the State of New York.
- Must have a driver who is at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license.
- Must have a valid New York State Emission and Safety Inspection sticker.



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- Must have at least one FIRE EXTINGUISHER rated 2A: 10B: C on all parade motorized decorated vehicles.
- Must maintain a safe distance between the marchers and the moving vehicle (Car).
- Must NOT allow riders to embark or disembark while the vehicle is moving.
- Must NOT allow children below 12 to ride in Open-Top Convertible Cars unless accompanied by adults and properly fastened. Must not allow riders on the roof or hood of vehicles.
- Must have an exhaust system or pipes in proper working condition so that drivers, riders and marchers will not be exposed to CO2.
- Must not allow smoke belching vehicles.
- Must not allow smoking inside the vehicle or within the vicinity of parade vehicles.
- Must have all vehicles remain in the traffic lanes of the roadway.
- Must not allow blowing of horns or sirens unless it is an EMERGENCY situation.
- Must read, understand and sign the RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT on **PAGE 5** of this Parade Registration Form.

PARTICIPANTS WITH FLOAT

- Must submit **PAYMENT** of \$3,500 for PIDCI-Supplied Float or \$1,000 for NON-PIDCI-Supplied Float to the Parade Committee.
- For **PIDCI-supplied floats**, participants must **promptly** pay the required deposit of \$1,750 to **reserve** their float, and the remaining balance of \$1,750 no later than **April 1, 2026**
- For non-PIDCI-supplied FLOAT, must pay fee before **April 1, 2026**.
- Must know that the **DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE** if parade is cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Must not exceed the maximum weight capacity of riders allowed by law.
- Must be liable for any float damages due to rider's misconduct and excessive weight.
- Must request the FLOATMAKER or DRIVER to attach or remove anything from the float such as banners and decorations. Makers already prepared the float.
- Must know that FLOATMAKERS have complete supervision and authority over the floats and riders.
- Must keep the float **CLEAN AT ALL TIMES** by providing trash bags and not leaving the trash on the float after the parade.
- Must maintain a safe distance between the marchers and the moving vehicle (Float).
- Must not allow riders to embark or disembark while the vehicle (Float) is moving.
- Must not allow children below 12 to ride on floats unless accompanied by adults and properly fastened.
- Must provide transportation for float riders after the parade. Float drivers will not drive back to the line-up site due to insurance regulations.
- Must NOT allow SMOKING on or within the vicinity of parade floats. Must NOT allow ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES on or around the float or YOU will be removed from the parade IMMEDIATELY.
- Must provide its own GENERATOR that must be fully secured and moved safely.
- Must read, understand & sign the RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT on **PAGE 5** of this Parade Registration Form.



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NOT ALLOWABLE _____ *

- **NO** items, objects, products, giveaways, brochures or materials, etc. will be allowed to be distributed or to be thrown from any float, car and marchers.
- **NO** motorcycles, trailers, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, balancing scooter, electric skateboards & remote-controlled cars/planes/drones will be allowed.
- **NO** enclosed motor vehicles will be allowed for security reasons but only registered Open-Top Convertible Cars.
- **NO** fireworks or flammable objects will be allowed to be carried and **NO SMOKING** during the parade.
- **NO** releasing of balloons and other flying materials will be allowed.
- **NO** disruptive anti-government placards or negative chanting will be allowed. Public disturbance will not be tolerated.

RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, on behalf of the organization, its members and family members, acknowledge that our participation in the Philippine Independence Day Parade, Street Fair and Cultural Show involve known and anticipated risks which could result in physical and emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death and property damage. We expressly accept and assume all the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by negligence of the RELEASEES. Our participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and we elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time we believe that event conditions are unsafe or that we are unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then we will immediately discontinue our participation.

We hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge and agree indemnify and hold harmless the Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc., its directors, officers, agents, volunteers and participants, from any and all claims, demands or causes of action which are in any way connected with our participation in this activity, or our use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. Should RELEASEES or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, we agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for such fees and costs.

By signing this document, we agree that if we are hurt or our property is damaged during our participation in this activity, then we may be found by a court of law to have waived our right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim of negligence. We have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should we choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing.

Printed Name & Signature

Date