

Promenade Park Grand Opening Lighted Boat Parade
Saturday, August 10th 2019

Event Description: As a part of the Promenade Park Grand Opening, Riverfront Fort Wayne will hold it's first ever Lighted Boat Parade along the St. Marys River at Promenade Park. This family friendly event will feature motorized boats of all types illuminated with the use of string lights, etc. Any boat that conforms to Eligibility Requirements outlined below is eligible. A commemorative plaque and prize will be awarded to the judged winner of this event.

Guidelines for Decorations: Let your imagination be your guide in this family friendly event! Celebrate Fort Wayne's Three Rivers, turn your boat into a turtle, or make the Eiffle Tower. The sky is the limit as long as your entry meets the Eligibility Requirments.

Registration: All participants must regitster with Kim Weldon at Kim.Weldon@cityoffortwayne.org by 5 PM EST on Friday, August 2, 2019. There is no fee to enter.

Parade Schedule: (all times are approximate/ see map)

7:15– 7:45pm: Boats load in at Guldlin Park (see map)

7:45- 8:00pm: Parade Boats line up in St. Marys river

8:15- 9:15pm: Parade route runs and boats idle across from Promenade Park

9:15- 9:20pm: Winner is announced, boat can dock and accept award at Park

9:30- 10:00pm: Boats pull out of river

Judging: All entries will be scored by a combination of decorations, theme and crowd response by a panel of judges. The decesion of the judges will be final.

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Eligibility Requirements:

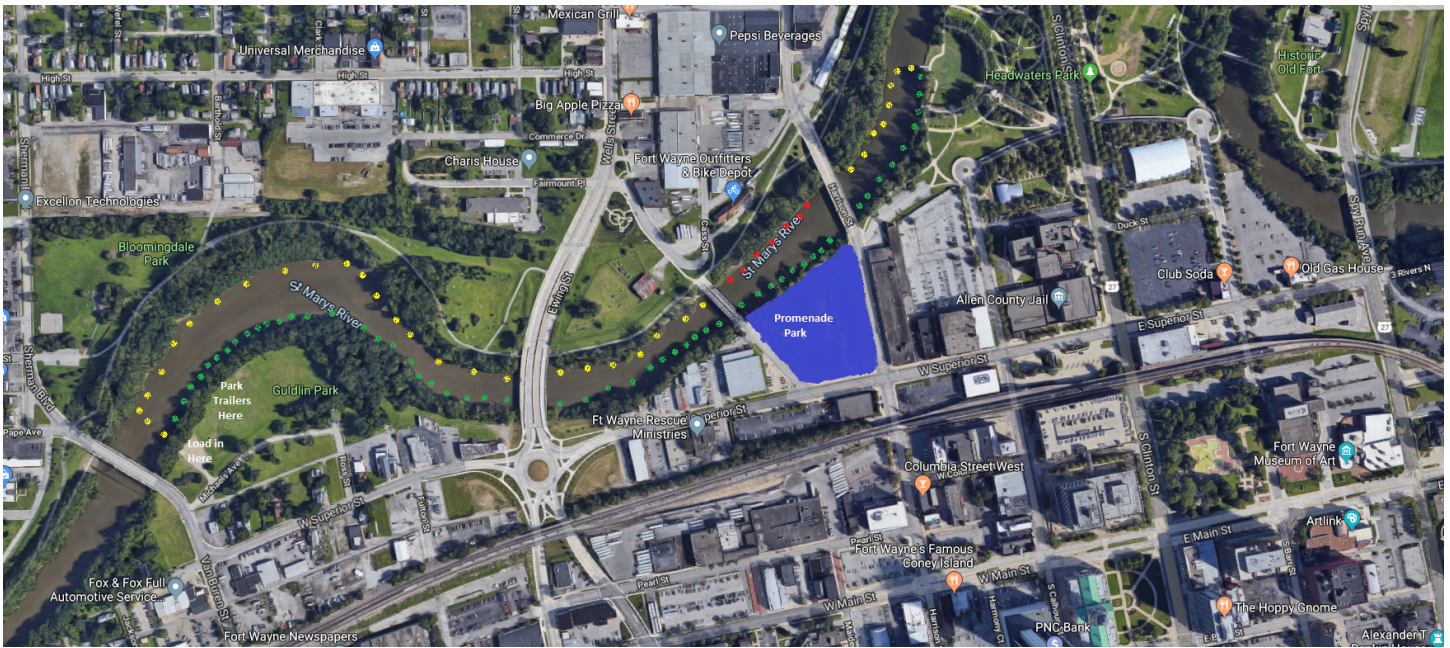
- All vehicles and trailers must have current, valid registrations and be driven by a licensed driver
- All trailer lights required by law must be in working condition
- Only “UL” listed lights suitable for outdoor use may be used, and these lights must be used according to the manufactiors specifications and relevant electrical codes

- Additional structure may be added to the boat/trailer to support any display of lights, but no part of the display may be higher than 10' from water level
- No pyrotechnics or flames of any sort are allowed
- Displays must conform with the sensibilities of the community. Lewd, offensive or tasteless displays will not be permitted. Contact event staff if there are any questions or concerns about your boats decorations at kim.weldon@cityoffortwayne.org
- Generators/batteries carried on the boat must be securely fastened and used according to the manufacturer's instructions
- All entrants using a portable generator must carry a fire extinguisher that is in good working order and readily available
- All contestants must sign waivers
- All Indiana DNR boating rules must be followed including having a paddle, anchor and running lights
- Riverfront Fort Wayne event staff will have final say on all boats eligibility
- Must sign and turn in entry form and waiver to Kim Weldon by 5pm August 10, 2019

In the event of rain or high water: To ensure the safety of all participants, the parade will be cancelled in the event of rain or high water. As much advance notice as possible will be provided

Hold Harmless: As a condition of registration for this event participants agree to release Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation and Riverfront Fort Wayne from any liability resulting from their participation. Participants also recognize that legal compliance with all traffic laws and regulations is their sole responsibility.

Map of Parade Route and Activities



Parade Instructions for Participants:

- Participants should assemble between 7- 8pm at Guldlin Park (731 Michaels Ave.)
- Boats will line up in the order they arrive at the parade staging area and assigned number that will be affixed to their boats
- Assembled boats will begin procession from Guldlin Park at 8:15pm
- From 8:15 – 9:15pm boats will proceed down St. Marys River to Headwaters Park boat dock then turn and head back to Promenade Park where boats will idle on north side (across from park) and wait for winner to be announced
- Keep safe distance between boats
- Do NOT pass other boats
- Judging area/Mc and crowd will be at Promenade Park at the Ambassador Enterprises Ampitheatre
- 9:15-9:25pm parade winner will dock at Promenade Park to receive plaque and award
- 9:30-10pm boats will exit river at Guldlin Park (lights will be on to help guide boats to entrance and also placed in parking area)