

Celebrate Kirkland 2023 Parade Entry Awards

Kirkland Award Categories

Kirkland Best in Show (Gold Cup)

Best overall entry that rates high in originality, spirit/engagement, and appearance.

Spirit of Kirkland Award

How well does this entry incorporate the Spirit of Kirkland? It could include Kirkland's beloved parks, waterfront activities, community engagement, local sports, or growth in its theme.

Most Patriotic

This will be awarded to an entry that best captures the purpose of why we celebrate the 4th of July.

We Care About Kirkland Award

This award is specifically for a non-profit and/or community organization that aims to make Kirkland a better place to live, work, and play.

Support Local Kirkland Award

This award is specifically for small, local businesses that are the foundation of Kirkland's business community.

Earth-Friendly Kirkland/Long-Lasting Kirkland/Renewable Kirkland

How well does this entry reflect Kirkland's commitment to caring about our environment? It could highlight recycling, upcycling, reducing waste, or protecting the environment.

Judging Criteria

Originality:

- How unique and interesting is the entry?
- How does the entry stand out among other entries?

Spirit/Engagement:

- How much energy and fun does the entry radiate to spectators?
- Does the entry grab and hold the spectator's attention?

Overall Appearance:

- Does the design, style, use of color, and materials make an impact?
- How cohesive and coordinated is the unit?

Consideration for Award

The Planning Committee selects judges for Celebrate Kirkland. Parade applicants must indicate that they want to participate as a judged entry at the time of application and must be present in the staging area by 10:00 AM.

Winning Entries

Winning entries are provided a banner to hold while walking the parade route, indicating the category won. Banners are to be returned at the end of the parade. In addition, a trophy is given to each winning entry as a keepsake.

If you have any questions, please visit www.Kirklandwa.gov/CelebrateKirkland or email Jazmine Quintero at Jquintero@kirklandwa.gov