



## Navy Band Great Lakes leads July 3 Kenosha Parade

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha is pleased to welcome the Navy Band Great Lakes as the lead act in the 2016 Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade presented by Snap-on. The parade steps off at 1 p.m. July 3 with the theme, “A Star-Spangled Celebration.” The parade is presented by the City of Kenosha, with major sponsorship from Snap-on.

The Navy Band Great Lakes performs as the Navy’s “Ambassadors for the Midwest,” performing at ceremonies to honor recruits, sailors and their families. They support Navy recruiting in a nine-state area from Michigan to North Dakota.

Other highlights of the 2016 parade year include performances by The Genesis Drum and Bugle Corp from Austin, Texas; the University of Wisconsin Marching Band, and the Kids From Wisconsin. A variety of local marching bands, performers and community groups also will entertain the crowd lining the parade route. Division sponsors include the Kenosha Kingfish, Kenosha News, Jockey International, Johnson Bank and Southport Bank.

The Genesis Drum and Bugle Corps is a member of Drum Corps International, and will visit 34 cities throughout the United States during its summer tour. Its final performance will be in Indianapolis for the Drum Corps International World championships in August. Genesis is a two-time Bronze Medal recipient in the DCI Open Class finals, along with numerous first place performances in shows around the U.S.

The UW Marching Band is well known for their spirit and musical talent at university sporting events. This summer they have been traveling around the state and country representing the University of Wisconsin - Madison at sporting events, concerts and parades.

The Kids From Wisconsin includes some of the state’s most talented performers ages 15-20. They perform a diverse repertoire of morale-boosting music at venues throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest. Following the parade, the group will perform a free concert from 3:30-5 p.m. at Celebrate America on the Midway Stage, located on the 5600 block of Third Avenue.

Eighteen floats will compete for the honor of Best in Show, and also first, second and third place ribbons. This year's float judges are Paula Touhey, retired director of the Kenosha Public Museums, and Jennifer Dooley, principal with Dooley & Associates. Floats will be judged prior to the parade in the staging area. Winners will be announced during the parade in the reviewing stand area in Veterans Memorial Park outside of City Hall, in the 5400 block of Sixth Ave.

A community bike parade was added to the parade lineup in 2015 with great success, and returns this year. All ages are welcome to participate – but people must be able to ride two miles without stopping. All participants in the bike parade must ride a bike; no walking or jogging with the group.

Bike parade participants do not need to submit a parade application, but should plan to gather along 61<sup>st</sup> Street west of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in the parade staging area no later than 12 p.m., prior to the 1 p.m. start time. People who wish to participate in a bike decorating contest should arrive by 11 a.m. with their bikes decorated and ready for judging. Ribbons will be awarded for the best bicycle decorations.

The community bike parade is aimed at encouraging bicycling in the community and is organized by the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, the Kenosha County Multi-Use Trail Committee, Exposekenosha and the Kenosha Bicycle Ambassadors.

The parade begins at 1 p.m. at 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 63<sup>th</sup> St., travels north to 60<sup>th</sup> Street before heading east to Library Park, rounds the south end of the park to Sixth Avenue and continues past City Hall to the 5100 block of Sixth Ave. The parade ends at the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Seventh Avenue, with acts returning to City Hall for disbanding. While Sixth Avenue is closed at 50<sup>th</sup> Street, the parade ends a half block before 50<sup>th</sup> Street (just south of the Marina Gardens restaurant).

For more parade information, visit [www.kenoshaevents.com](http://www.kenoshaevents.com).