

City of Detroit

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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Deputy City Clerk

DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

Petition No.	2026-058
Name of Petitioner	Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee
Description of Petition	Petition request to hold "Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade" from May 03, 2026 at 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM the same day at Greektown. Set-up will begin on May 03, 2026 at 8:00 AM and be completed by 12:00 PM the same day. Tear down will begin on May 03, 2026 at 8:00 PM and be completed by 10:00 PM the same day.
Type of Petition	Special Events
Submission Date	04/02/26
Concerned Departments	Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED), Department of Public Works (DPW), Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Detroit Fire Department (DFD), General Services Department (GSD), Media Services Department, Municipal Parking Department, Police Department (DPD)
Petitioner Contact	Tom Christy Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee 525 Monroe Detroit, MI 48226 P: (248) 910-8862 tchristy@greekparades.com

2 Woodward Ave. Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Rm. 200, Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 224 - 3260 | Fax: (313) 224 - 1466

City of Detroit Special Events Application Authorizations

AUTHORIZATION & AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I certify that the information contained in the foregoing application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that I have read, understood and agreed to abide by the rules and regulations governing the proposed special event, and I understand that this application is made subject to the rules and regulations established by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. Applicant agrees to comply with all other requirements of the City, County, State, and Federal Government and any other applicable entity, which may pertain to special events. I further agree to abide by these rules, and further certify that I agree to be financially responsible for any costs and fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the event to the City of Detroit.

Applicant Signature: *By: Thomas P. Christy*
Thomas P. CHRISTY
H3: Legal Counsel

Date: *24 March 2026*

NOTE: Completion of this form does not constitute approval of your event. Pending review by the Special Events Management Team, you will be notified of any requirements, fees, and/or restrictions pertaining to your event.

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Detroit (which includes its agencies, officers, elected officials, appointed officials and employees) harmless from and against injury, loss, damage or liability (or any claims in respect of the foregoing including claims for personal injury and death, damage to property, and reasonable outside attorney's fees) arising from activities associated with this permit, except to the extent attributable to the gross negligence or intentional act or omission of the City.

Applicant affirms that Applicant has read and understands the Hold Harmless and Indemnification provision and agrees to the terms expressed therein.

Event Name: *Detroit Green Parade*

Event Organizer: *Detroit Green Independence Day Committee, Inc*

Event Date: *3 May 2026*

Applicant Signature: *By: Thomas P. Christy*
Thomas P. CHRISTY
H3: Legal Counsel

Date: *24 March 2026*

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Wayne County Jail Division 1

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Cash City

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Dunkin'

Astoria Pastry Shop
Greektown main block

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Table No. 2 Restaurant

Hot Sam's

Hollywood Casino at Greektown (Hotel)

Hollywood Casino St. Mary's Church

Fishbone

Buffalo Wild Wings

Hot Sam's

Old St. Mary's Catholic Church

St. Mary's Church

The Atherium

Table No. 2 Restaurant

Hot Sam's

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Barstool Sportsbook at Greektown

The Atherium

Table No. 2 Restaurant

Hot Sam's

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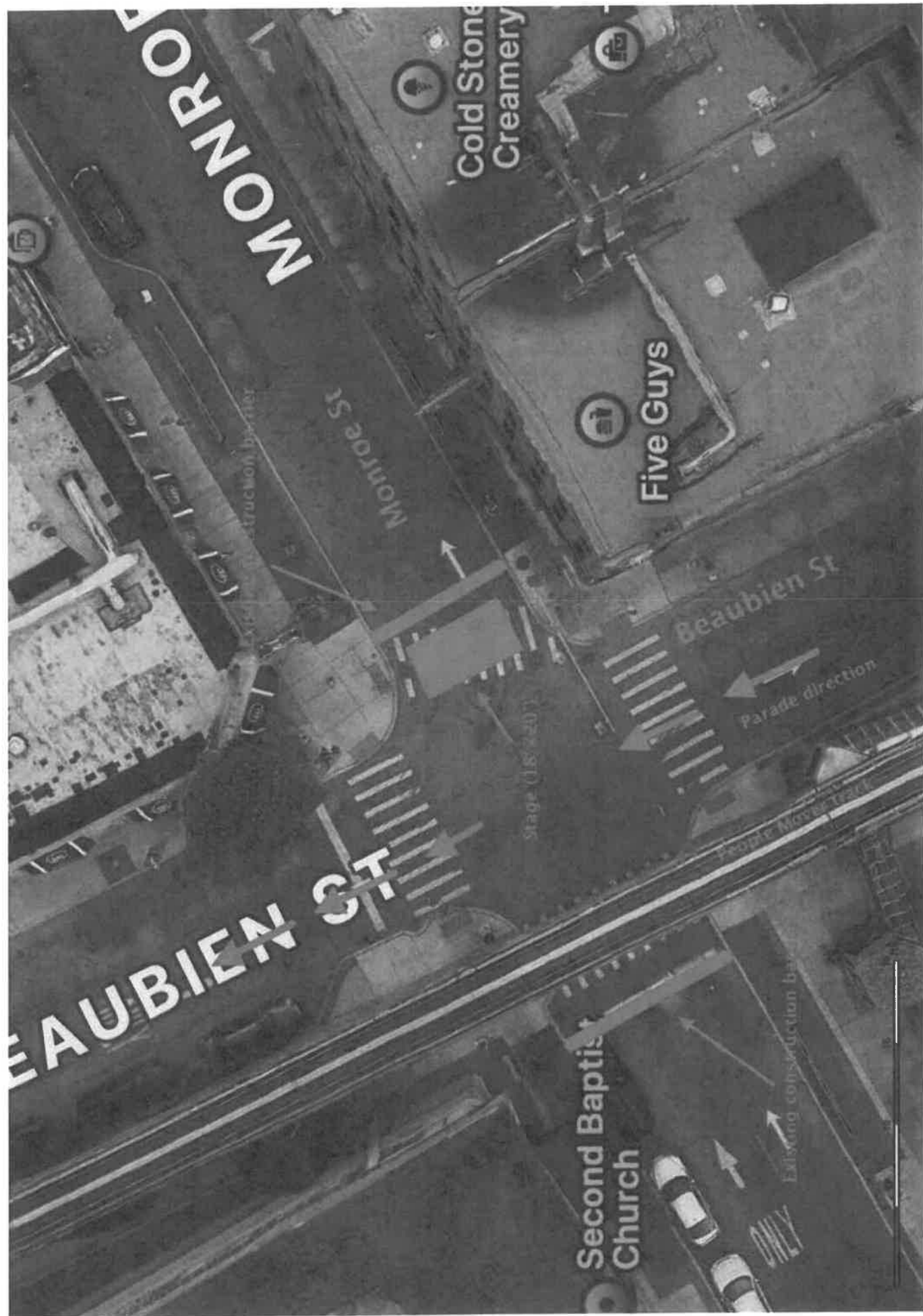
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Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee

525 Monroe
Detroit, Michigan 48226

March 24, 2026

Dear Neighbor:

This year's Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade will occur on **Sunday, May 3, 2026**. Please note that, **the parade route will be different this year** because of the construction. Monroe Street will already be closed for construction. We have applied to the City of Detroit to close parts of Lafayette and Beaubien Streets on that day. The city has asked us to notify you of the planned closings because your business is along the route. (See enclosed map.) The closings for the parade are as follows:

- Marshaling area: Closed from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Lafayette Boulevard (westbound lanes only) from I-375 halfway to St. Antoine
- Parade route: Closed from 2:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Lafayette Street (westbound lanes only) from I-375 to Beaubien
Beaubien Street from Lafayette to Macomb
- Post-parade ceremony area: Closed from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Beaubien Street from Lafayette to Macomb

We wish to thank the Greektown merchants and other area merchants for their continued support of the parade. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone (248-910-8662) or by e-mail at tchristy@greekparades.com.

Very truly yours,

Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, Inc.

Thomas P. Christy
Legal Counsel

STREET CLOSING PROPOSAL GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

A proposal to close certain streets on Sunday, May 3, 2026, in and around Greektown for a parade celebrating Greek Independence Day.

Submitted by the Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, Inc. with the support of the Greektown Merchants Association

Background

The American Revolution in 1776 was an inspiration to the Greek people, who were living under foreign domination. On March 25, 1821, Greek independence was declared, re-establishing freedom and democracy in Greece. March 25 is commemorated as Independence Day in Greece much like July 4 is commemorated as Independence Day in the United States.

In 2002, Detroit's Greek-American community held its first annual parade celebrating Greek Independence Day, joining nine other cities across North America with similar parades. The event has been an overwhelming success, with over 5,000 people attending in recent years. The Greektown merchants, who actively support the event, see their restaurants filled to capacity every year.

The Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, a non-profit corporation, plans to hold a parade again in 2026, similar to recent years. The committee will sponsor the event with the cooperation of the Greektown Preservation Society and proposes to hold the parade on **Sunday, May 3, 2026**.

CITY OF DETROIT, OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SPECIAL EVENTS PETITION

Petition No: _____

Event Name: Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade

Event Status: In Review- Clerk's Office (Step 2 of 6)

Petitioner Name / Organization: Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee

Event Location: Greektown

Event Date(s) and Time(s): 05/03/26 3:00 PM **to** 05/03/26 8:00 PM

Type of Event: Parade

Applicant Contact:
Tom Christy
tchristy@greekparades.com
+1 (248) 910-8662

Submission Date:	03/24/26 7
Date of Clerk's Office Referral:	4/1/26
Date of City Departments Sign Off:	4/8/26
Date Referred to Council:	4/8/26

Department Approvals

DPD	DFD	EMS	GSD	DDOT	MPD	DPW	DHD
DPD Reviewed-Ready for Council	DFD Reviewed-Ready for Council	EMS Reviewed-Ready for Council	GSD Approval Not Required	DDOT Reviewed-Ready for Council	MPD Reviewed-Ready for Council	DPW Reviewed-Ready for Council	DHD Approval Not Required

BSEED
BSEED Reviewed-Ready for Council

Mayor's Office Special Events Signature: *Gaksima Fife*

Date: April 8, 2024

General Event Information

Has this event been hosted before? _____

Has the applicant (individual or organization) ever applied for a Special Event with the City of Detroit before? _____

Is this an annual event? Yes _____

Event Website: detroit.greekparades.com _____

Which spaces will be used? Street, Sidewalk _____

Will this event include the use or sale of marijuana? No _____

Event Description

Brief Event Purpose & Description:

Parade celebrating Greek Independence Day. The parade has been done in Greektown since 2002.

Estimated Peak Attendance: 5000 _____

Estimated Total Attendance: 5000 _____

Is this a public event? _____

Will there be ticket sales or admission charged? No _____

Does this event use Hart Plaza? _____

Will there be merchandise sold? No _____

Will you be taking donations? No _____

Is this a charity event? No _____

Does this event involve campers, tents and/or RVs? _____

Will this event involve a petting zoo or tattoo art (not including temporary tattoos)? _____

Contact Information

Organization / Petitioner Name: Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee

Mailing Address: 525 Monroe

Detroit MI 48226

Primary Contact:	Secondary Contact:
Tom Christy	Yanni Dionisopoulos
tchristy@greekparades.com	yanni@exodosrooftop.com
	+1 (313) 405-3844

Organization Type: Nonprofit

Organization Website: detroit.greekparades.com

Event Setup & Breakdown

Begin Setup: 05/03/26 8:00 AM

Complete Setup: 05/03/26 12:00 PM

Setup Location(s): Monroe Street, Lafayette Street

Event Start: 05/03/26 3:00 PM

Event End: 05/03/26 8:00 PM

Begin Tear Down: 05/03/26 8:00 PM

Complete Tear Down: 05/03/26 10:00 PM

Number of Trash Containers: 0 Number of Recycling Containers: 0

Cleaning Service Vendor: N/A

Other Waste Elements: N/A

Street Closures & Parking

How many streets will be closed: 3

Will you be closing any part of Woodward Avenue? No

Street Closures (if there are 1-4 closed streets):

1. Lafayette (north side of boulevard only) 05/03/26

Near I-375 to Beaubien 12:00 PM 4:00 PM

2. Beaubien 05/03/26

Lafayette to Macomb 12:00 PM 7:00 PM

3. Monroe (already closed for construction) 05/03/26

Beaubien to St. Antoine 12:00 PM 7:00 PM

4. _____

Will you charge attendees for parking? No

Valet parking or blocking metered parking spaces? Neither

Describe the parking plan to accommodate anticipated attendance:

Public lots

Food & Beverage

Will food be served? No

Will food be prepared on site? _____

Number of food trucks: _____ Number of non-truck food vendors: _____

Food & Beverage (cont.)

Will any type of alcohol be served (including beer)? No

Will there be sales, service and/or consumption of alcohol in public at the event? _____

What type(s) of alcohol will be served? _____

Day(s) and time(s) alcohol will be served: _____

Will ice be used in any served beverages? No

Stages, Tents, & Structures

Is a stage being built? Yes

How many stages will be used? 1

Do any of the stages have a canopy? Yes

Number of tents 10' x 10' and smaller: 1

Number of tents larger than 10' x 10': 0

Tent Contractor: Michael Fotias

What other structures will your event include? None

Will your event use any grills? No

What kind of grills? _____

Utilities & Portable Restrooms

Event Utilities that will be used: Utility Power

How will generators be fueled? _____

Generator contractor: _____

Will additional wiring be installed? No

Does the event require access to a hydrant? No

Will there be amplified sound? Yes

Will a sound system be used? Yes

Will you be providing Port-a-johns? No

Security & Emergency Plans

Will the event have a security contractor? No

Security Contractor: _____

Number of private personnel per shift: _____

Which of these apply to the private security personnel? _____

Will you contract emergency medical services? Yes

Name of emergency medical services contractor: Hart EMS

Does this event include fireworks? No

Day(s) and time(s) of fireworks: _____

Fireworks vendor: _____

Attachments

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant Signature Page (required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Event Clean Up Plan (required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Plan (500 or less attendees)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Response Plan & Medical Procedures (500+ attendees)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communication and Community Impact Plan (500+ attendees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining of Traffic Plan (1000+ attendees or if closing a street)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Build and Breakdown Schedule (if you are erecting any structures)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Map Plan (if event involves any temporary elements including tents)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barricades Provider Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port-a-john Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitation Contractor Agreement (if applicable)

City Council Member: _____

Resolved, The Mayor's Office is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to Detroit Greek Independence Day Committee, Inc. to host "Detroit Greek Independence Day Parade" (2026-058) on May 3, 2026 from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM in Greektown.

PROVIDED, that there will be DPD Assisted Event; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DFD Pending Inspections; Contracted with Private EMS to Provide Services; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be BSEED Permits Required for Tents, Stages and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DPW Type III Barricades & Road Closure Signage Required; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be Municipal Parking No Parking Signs Required; and be it further

PROVIDED, all necessary permits must be obtained prior to the event. If permits are not obtained, departments can enforce closure of event.