



NEW YORK PORTUGAL DAY PARADE

June 7, 2026

Dear Community Members and Friends,

The New York Portuguese American Leadership Council (NYPALC) is thrilled to invite your organization to be part of our vibrant annual **New York Portugal Day Parade in Mineola, New York, on Sunday, June 7, 2026.**

Get ready to celebrate in style and come prepared! The Day of Portugal, Camoes, and the Communities is a holiday celebrating the history and heritage of the Portuguese people throughout the world. For those dressing for the occasion, we encourage you to proudly wear the official colors of Portugal — green, yellow, and red — and bring your festive spirit. Participants are also invited to showcase their creativity by preparing festive floats, as we'll be honoring two (2) standout entries with the **Floats of the Year Award**, to be announced at our Gala!

Enclosed you'll find the parade details along with the registration form. To help us plan an unforgettable event and ensure proper accommodations, we kindly ask that all participants respond by **May 1, 2026.**

The parade will begin to assemble at 9:00AM starting on Saville Road, Jackson Avenue, and Marcellus Road (behind Chaminade High School). The parade will kick off promptly at and at 11:00AM. Attendees will march down Jericho Turnpike to Roslyn Road, head south to Westbury Avenue, turn East to Union Street and end at Wilson Park during the Portuguese American Feast & Carnival (1.5 miles long).

Thank you for your attention and interest. We hope to see you at this year's parade.

Sincerely,

Crystal Fernandes

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Parade Director

“Had There Been More Of The World - The Portuguese Would Have Reached It.”

- Luis Vaz de Camoes, Os Lusíadas: Book VII, 14

Attachment: Parade Registration Form



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Official Registration Form

ALL entries must have registration form turned in no later than May 1, 2026. Entries may be mailed to NYPALC, 58 Holbrook St, Patchogue NY 11772 or emailed to nyportuguese@gmail.com.

Organization Name/ <i>Nome de Org.</i>		Contact Person:	
Telephone:		Email:	
Type of Organization <i>Tipo de Organizacao</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Organization <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing Group <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*If business, a registration donation fee is required \$100 for small business and \$500 for mid/large businesses)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Float <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Routine/Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Walkers/Marchers <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycles <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Does Your Entry Have Music/Sound? <i>A Musica/Som?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/Sim <input type="checkbox"/> No/Nao			
Enter Details of Representation and Participation <i>Escreva os Detalhes:</i>			
<u>HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT</u> <i>Please read and understand the terms and conditions on page 3 of this form prior to signing.</i> As a condition of participation, I, _____, hereinafter referred to as Licensee, shall indemnify and Hold Harmless the Village of Mineola, Portuguese Heritage Society, and all other volunteers, employees and directors, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, acting within the scope of their responsibilities and hold them harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damage, liability and expense in connection with the loss of life, personal injury and/or damages to property arising out of participation in this parade. In the event the parties shall, without fault on their part, be made party to any litigation commenced by or against licensee, licensee shall protect and hold the parties harmless and shall pay all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred or paid by the parties in connection with such litigation.			
Contact Person Signature:			Date:





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Entry contact person listed must read, sign, and abide by the following, and is responsible for ensuring the rest of the entry participants understand and abide by the information below.

On Sunday, June 7th, 2026, the Parade kicks off at 11:00AM sharp.

For safety reasons there will be no tossing of candy or other items by participants to the audience during the parade, however walkers can pass out items to spectators by hand.

All floats and other motorized vehicles are responsible for having liability insurance, and must be able to provide documented proof of such on the day of the parade.

Each participant must have a large banner or sign that can easily identify each entry for proper introduction.

Parade participant(s) must follow instructions of parade staff in regards to rules, regulations, placement and movement along the parade route and the parade committee reserves the right to bar at any time any participant who fails to observe the rules or follow instructions of parade officials.

All parade entries must be pre-registered and pre-approved by the parade committee. It is important that all entries pay close attention to the theme of the parade. Entries that are not consistent with promotion of the theme will be denied approval to participate in the parade.

Units and Activities NOT permitted: (a) Entries representing controversial groups or political issues, (b) Oversized Entries, (c) Entries that are unable to keep pace, (d) Entries that are indecent or immoral, (e) Entries that are significantly different than described on their application, (f) Entries with participants that are under the influence or consuming alcohol or drugs.

Float Size Regulations (please be advised that there is an LIRR overpass on Jericho Tpke and height requirements must be observed):

- Maximum allowed length of total entry – 48 feet (including tow vehicle)
- Maximum allowed width of total entry – 10 Feet
- Maximum allowed height of total entry – 12 Feet (from street to top of entry)
- Train trestle dips in road and has a 12' 11" clearance

The acceptance, assignment and number of entries are at the sole discretion of the parade committee and those decisions are final.





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1. **STAGING AREA:** 9AM - Saville Road and Jackson Avenue, next to Chaminade High School and behind Chaminade Sports Complex
2. **START:** 11AM - Head East on Jericho Tpke.
3. Turn Right (South) on Roslyn Road
4. Turn Left (East) on Westbury Avenue
5. Turn Left (South) on Union Street
6. **END:** Wilson Park

