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**Presents this
SPECIAL
JULY 4TH EDITION**

DON'T MISS THE 2009 NORTHLAND COMMUNITY FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

Fourth of July parades have been an annual tradition here in the Northland area for 46 years, starting in Forest Park in 1963. In 1966, the Northland Jaycees added their own Northland Parade every July 4 afternoon. These two events merged in 1987 and the Parade was sponsored in subsequent years by the Jaycees, Forest Park and the Village of Minerva Park, which had also produced its own parade on the 4th. In 2001, Northland Community Council (NCC) assumed responsibility for the event from the Jaycees.

This year's parade theme is Northland: Working, Sharing & Protecting, with awards being handed out to those parade participants who best incorporate the theme into their entries. Columbus' newly-appointed Chief of Police, Walter L. Distelzweig has agreed to be the Grand Marshal of this year's Parade.

The Northland and Beechcroft high school marching bands will be part of the parade, along with the Northland High School state champion basketball team. There also will be the traditional fly over of Air National Guard planes, fire and other emergency vehicles, and floats and entries

from a variety of communities and community organizations throughout Northland.

New to the parade this year will be a reviewing stand, set up in front of the North YMCA, facing Karl Road, where the master of ceremonies, George Schmidt, President of Forest Park Civic Association, will announce the parade participants as they pass by. The stand will be a small platform with a microphone this year, but future plans are to add a large reviewing stand with bleachers and a VIP seating section.

As it has for several years, the 2009 Parade will start near the Intersection of Morse and Karl Roads at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 4, and travel 1.7 miles north on Karl Road to its intersection with East Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161). The last entry should complete the route about 12:30PM.

For more information about the parade, or to volunteer, call: 478-8469, or email: Northlandparade2009@mybcc.org.

Columbus Square Shopping Center is proud to be the major sponsor of this great Fourth of July parade.



Parade photos from years past courtesy of Dave Paul and Paul Brandfass.

