

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

Since the announcement of Glen Alpine hosting this year's historic 2026 Burke County 250th Anniversary Parade, our town employees and dedicated volunteers have been working side-by-side to make Glen Alpine shine for America's 250th birthday. This is a true once-in-a-lifetime celebration of our nation's pride.

Because this milestone event is expected to be bigger than ever, we are changing how we organize the parade. In the past, participants could just show up and get in line.

This year, to ensure safety, manage traffic with law enforcement and the fire department, and guarantee enough space, **everyone** must fill out an entry form.

We have three easy ways to get and submit your form:

1. **Online:** Download it from our town website or Facebook page, fill it out, and email it to [events@townofglenalpine.org](mailto:events@townofglenalpine.org).
2. **In Person:** Stop by town hall and see The Town Manager. You can pick up a paper form, fill it out, and hand it back to her.
3. **By Fax:** If you print the form at home, you can bring it to The Town Manager and she will fax it for you.

Once we receive your form, we will email you specific instructions regarding your line-up time and parking details. This year, we are also hoping to introduce every single entry during the parade! To make that happen, we need your information ahead of time. The absolute deadline to submit your form has been extended to **Wednesday, June 17th**. Please do not wait!

The parade is just the beginning of a jam-packed day. We are incredibly excited to host our first annual Sidewalk Chalk Competition for kids! It features three age groups: 6 to 9, 10 to 12, and 13 to 15. The kids will have 30 minutes to create a patriotic masterpiece for a chance to win a prize. Registration spots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

We will also feature live music from the Dave Reep Band, a Food Truck Corner located by the library and the gazebo, and our traditional free watermelon for everyone. Finally, we are hosting our beloved, traditional Miss Turkey Tail Competition. This year, the winner takes home a trophy, a prize, bragging rights, and a iconic turkey hat!

Registration for Miss Turkey Tail will take place the day of the event.

Let's show our deep American pride and make this 250th celebration unforgettable. Thank you to our volunteers, our staff, and all of you for making Glen Alpine the best place to celebrate. See you at the parade!