

Press Release



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Subject: **South County 4th of July Committee Announces 2026 Community Celebrity Parade Judges**

The South County 4th of July Committee is pleased to announce the distinguished and inspiring individuals selected to serve as **Community Celebrity Parade Judges** for the **50th Annual South County 4th of July Parade** presented by **Waste Connections**, a landmark community celebration that honors America's **Semisecular** celebration - the **250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**. This accomplished group of civic, business, and community leaders - joined by special guest judge Fitz Davis, a 9-year-old cancer survivor treated at Texas Children's - brings a wealth of professional expertise, public service, personal courage, and longstanding dedication to The Woodlands and the surrounding region. Together, they are exceptionally well suited to recognize the parade entries that best exemplify the patriotism, creativity, and spirit of this landmark celebration.

2026 Community Celebrity Parade Judges

- **Lieutenant General Hummer** is a retired U.S. Marine Corps leader who served more than four decades in uniform, including key operational and command assignments, and now continues his service in The Woodlands through veteran support, mentoring, and chaplaincy.
- **Dr. Ann K. Snyder** is a longtime Woodlands civic leader, Immediate Past Chairman of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors, and a dedicated advocate for public service, education, healthcare, and nonprofit leadership.
- **Angela Branch**, Director of Human Resources for The Woodlands Township, brings leadership experience from local government, The Woodlands Methodist Church, and Exxon Mobil, with a strong focus on talent development and community service.
- **Dan Kolkhorst**, Vice President of Land Development for Howard Hughes, is a professional engineer whose three decades of work have helped shape The Woodlands through major infrastructure, parks, roadways, and community development projects.
- **Theresa Wagaman**, a Residential Real Estate Specialist with Compass, is an active community leader whose service includes leadership roles with The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Rotary, and Executive Women's Alliance.
- **Julie V. Mayrant**, President and Chief Community Banking Officer of Woodforest National Bank, is a respected banking leader and community advocate recognized for expanding in-store banking and for her longstanding service to Interfaith and other local nonprofits.
- **Greg Holman**, Director for Business Development United States at Repsol, brings 25 years of global energy industry experience and a strong connection to The Woodlands business community.
- **Bruce Tough**, Principal of Tough Law Firm, is one of Montgomery County's most distinguished civic leaders, known for decades of public service, elected leadership, and advocacy on behalf of youth, veterans, public safety, and regional growth.
- **Fitz Davis**, special guest judge, is a 9-year-old cancer survivor treated at Texas Children's whose strength and spirit make him a meaningful part of this year's celebration.

Complete biographies for all judges are available upon request for media use and are on the parade website: www.4thofjulyparade.org

About the South County 4th of July Committee, Inc.

The South County Fourth of July Committee is a 501(c)(3) corporation funded by community donations and sponsorships, comprised of dedicated volunteers responsible for the annual 4th of July Parade in The Woodlands area. The parade was originally organized by The Woodlands Lions Club in the late 1970's before the formation of The South County Fourth of July Committee in the early 1990's. The Committee has provided over \$100,000 in high school band scholarships.

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