

Parade Participant Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STAGING – Please share this information with all parties in your entry for the safety of all involved.

- ROAD CLOSURES
 - SW Griffith Drive - closes at 7:30 am
 - SW Menlo Dr from SW Allen Blvd to SW 5th St – closes at 8:15 am
 - SW Lombard Ave, SW Hall Blvd, SW Watson Ave, and SW Main Ave will be closed at the intersection of SW 5th St from 8:15am to 12:30pm
 - SW Murray, Hwy 217 and SW Western Ave will be open for Northbound & Southbound traffic
 - SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy & SW Canyon Rd will be open for Eastbound and Westbound traffic
 - All streets re-open immediately following end of parade –about 12:30 pm.
 - For everyone’s safety, please observe and obey all street closings. Vehicles normally parked on the parade route must be moved before 7 AM Saturday, September 7th, 2019
- **Staging location is near Griffith Park on SW Griffith Drive.**
 - Parade staff will be providing light refreshments in the morning for parade day participants.
- **CAR POOLING:** We highly recommend that groups have a car pool plan, thereby, eliminating traffic back up at the staging area. Car pool vehicles may park in designated lots near Griffith Park with groups walking to the staging area.
- Vehicles **will not** be allowed on Griffith Drive south of Griffith Park **UNLESS the vehicle is in the parade lineup**. Please remind all parties to carpool and park at designated lots on Griffith Drive.
- Entries that need to decorate should do so in the designated parking lots on Griffith Drive and drive down to the staging area when complete.
- **All parade participants must come in on SW Griffith Drive off of SW Farmington Road.** You may park your vehicle or be dropped off at designated lots on SW Griffith Drive.
- **SHUTTLE BUS – to the beginning of the parade:** Participants planning to use the shuttle bus for transportation to the parade staging site can park their cars at the Westside Church of Christ (located at 5525 SW Menlo Drive) for shuttle services. All others will be subject to towing. The shuttles will run from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Do not be late.

Important Information for Checking In

- As you enter the staging area go to the registration booth. Please give your “**parade entry number, location and name**” to the volunteer at the entrance and you will be directed to your location.

- Check-in time begins at 7:30am. One representative from the parade entry must report to the “information” tent for your parade entry number and participation ribbons. **All entries must be checked in by 9:30. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Organizers will start moving units onto the parade route beginning at 9:45am. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00am.
- PARADE IS HELD RAIN OR SHINE. THANK GOODNESS IT’S GOING TO SHINE!
- Do not go faster than 5 mph, entries must move along at a constant rate of speed. **NO STOPPING FOR PERFORMANCES.** 20 feet of space must be left between entries. DO NOT fall behind and cause gaps in the parade. Follow instructions of the volunteers to maintain correct spacing and consistent speed.
- All performances along the parade route must be done in a continuous forward motion – no reverse movements. STOPPING OR REVERSING IS NOT ALLOWED.
- **Safety first!** No article such as candy, etc. shall be thrown into the crowd along the parade route from the vehicles in the parade. Please have people to walk alongside your float or vehicle to hand out candy. Any candy, items or material handed out must be delivered to the sidewalk. DO NOT TOSS OR THROW AT PEOPLE! Parade watchers, especially small children, can be hurt or injured by running into the street to retrieve candy. Please do not litter.

Important Information for Judging

- Only the parade entries that indicated judging on their entry form will be judged.
- **The judging format will be new this year.** Judging will take place during the parade as entries walk/drive along the parade route. Judges will be located along the first 500 feet of the parade route.
 - Bands and drill teams are expected to be ready for judging and start their performances as they enter the parade route.

Important Information for Disbanding

- Entries that will be departing immediately at the end of the parade can continue on SW Menlo Drive to exit west on SW Allen Blvd.
- Entries that need to pull over to unload, take down, etc. must turn into the Westside Church of Christ off of SW Menlo Drive. Once completed, continue onto SW Menlo Drive to exit west on SW Allen Blvd.
- SHUTTLE BUS – at the end of the parade: Buses will be parked at SW Bonnie Brae Street to transport back to SW Griffith Drive parking lots for those who parked near Griffith Park. Buses will run until about 1:00pm.