

June 28, 2021

Dear Anderson Parade Participant,

To minimize parade day confusion, please pass along this information to your entry team.

## Participant Arrival Time

- Arrive between 8:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. at parade staging area - Anderson Township Operations Center (Fire Station), 7954 Beechmont Avenue – see instructions below for parking locations, drop off traffic and shuttle bus information
- Beechmont will be closed between Nagel and Five Mile at 9:30 a.m.

## Parade Rules

The parade staging order with your group's registration number is attached. All staging will be coordinated at the Operations Center and Pinnacle Plaza except for a few larger entries. At arrival, have one person from your group report to the registration table.

Larger entries and floats will be contacted separately. They will report to Nordica Drive (between Dunkin' Donuts and Forestville Baptist Church (Nagel Middle School will not be used this year). Riders or walkers on larger entries and floats should report to the Operations Center. Floats will arrive at the Operations Center by 9:45, and will later be "put together" along Beechmont Avenue. Larger entries should place walkers or marchers in a wider format to take advantage of the wide road width and lessen the entry's length. All entries, otherwise not permitted to travel on public roadways, are required to be transported to and from the parade area, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code.

## Parking & Transportation

Parking locations (off Forest Road, south of Beechmont) are located at the **END** of the parade route at:

- Anderson High School – 7560 Forest Road
- Anderson Hills United Methodist Church – 7515 Forest Road

A shuttle bus will transport participants from Anderson High School and a stop on Forest Road to the Operations Center (parade start). The shuttle bus will only operate before the parade, 8 - 9:30 a.m. to transport participants to the staging area – arrive early to avoid potential delays.

Due to the swarm of people at the Towne Center after the parade, do not park in the Towne Center or Christ Outpatient parking lots. For vehicles that must park near the registration area, please use Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (IHM), 7820 Beechmont Avenue, or Forestville Baptist Church, 1311 Nagel Road (across from the Post Office). Drop off traffic should use the Pinnacle Plaza parking lot, via the traffic signal in front of Ollie's next to Cane's Chicken.

## What You Need To Do

- Be **CREATIVE** in your entry, to be most appealing to the crowd!
- Be accompanied by a **VEHICLE** to assist if walkers become ill or tired.
- Entries **ARE URGED** to make **NOISE!** Even if a car stereo is used, this is a **CELEBRATION!**
- **ESPECIALLY NOTE THE PROHIBITION OF THROWING OBJECTS FROM MOVING VEHICLES – VIOLATORS MAY NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE PARADES.** Walkers should distribute items along the roadway edge. **A CHANGE from prior announcements, Anderson Township WILL NOT be posting parade handouts on our website this year.**
- **PACE YOUR GIVEAWAYS** – the halfway point is Asbury Road, but there more of the spectators near the end of the route - please plan accordingly
- Please consider limiting the number of participants with your group to help speed up the flow of the parade and also to help with spacing in our staging area.
- Ensure parade **SPACING** – maintain approximately 40' between entries, or 2-3 car lengths, to ensure parade flow and avoid large gaps in the parade. Also, please continue forward movement so we can conclude the parade by 11:30 a.m.

## Parade End

The parade ends at Anderson Towne Center (ATC). All participants must enter the ATC, and proceed west towards Five Mile Road. Law enforcement officials will direct participants as they enter the ATC (see map). Please review this information and follow instructions so we can keep the parade moving.

To leave the site, exit left onto Five Mile Road at the driveway with the traffic signal next to 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank, to return to parked vehicles off Forest, such as those at Anderson High School (via Old Five Mile Road and Five Mile Road). In order to return to the Operations Center Staging Area, turn right on Five Mile Road, then turn right on State and Nagel roads.

## Helpful Hints

It may be hot and your group may have to wait. Please:

- **BRING WATER** and drink plenty of fluids, however, please note that restroom facilities are limited to the onsite port-o-lets by the Hamilton County Sheriff's District 5 Office
- **EAT** before you arrive and consider bringing snacks
- **WEAR** loose clothing, comfortable shoes, and sun screen (*or rain gear*)

## Important Attachments

With these instructions the following items are attached for your use: Parade Order (2 lists, organized in sequence and in alphabetical order), Parade Area Map, and Anderson Towne Center Area Map.)

*Thank you for your interest and we appreciate your participation. Visit [www.AndersonTownship.org](http://www.AndersonTownship.org) for more information. Please contact Steve Sievers at 688-8604 or [ssievers@AndersonTownship.org](mailto:ssievers@AndersonTownship.org), should you have questions or if you are no longer able to participate.*