

June 26, 2025

Dear Anderson Parade Participant,

To minimize parade day confusion, please pass along this information to your entire 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 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 STAGING: NEW ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

The parade staging order with your group's registration number is attached. **NEW THIS YEAR! No need to check in. Please PRINT your registration number and affix a copy to the inside window of ALL vehicles in your entry.** All staging will be coordinated at the Operations Center and Pinnacle Plaza, except for a few entries to be contacted separately.

LARGER ENTRIES & FLOATS

Larger entries and floats will be contacted separately. **NOTE: They will report to our NEW off-site staging location,** Nagel Middle School, at 1500 Nagel Road. Riders or walkers on larger entries and floats should report to the Operations Center. *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), with shuttle bus service BEFORE the parade, are located at the **END** of the parade route at:

- Anderson High School – 7560 Forest Road
- Anderson Hills Church – 7515 Forest Road
- DO NOT PARK in the Towne Center or Christ Outpatient parking lots, which are for parade spectators. Also, the **Beechmont Bolt Run** will be utilizing part of the Christ parking area – see the “News” portion of AndersonTownshipOH.gov, for more information. Parade participants can take part in the run!

Shuttle bus (8:15 a.m. – **9:15 a.m., NOTE the new end time!**)

- Transportation for participants to the staging area. The shuttle will only run before the parade from Anderson High School and a stop on Forest Road – ending at the Operations Center (parade start)
- Arrive to the shuttle early to avoid potential delays

Parking options near the registration area. Note, the shuttle does not operate after parade:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church – 7820 Beechmont Ave.
- Forestville Baptist Church – 1311 Nagel Road (across from the Post Office)

Drop-off traffic

- Use the Pinnacle Plaza parking lot, via the traffic signal in front of Ollie's and OrthoCincy, next to Raising Cane's Chicken and Currito.

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.
- **PACE YOUR GIVEAWAYS** – the halfway point is Asbury Road, but there more of the spectators near the end of the route - please plan accordingly.
- 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.
- **FOR LARGER GROUPS, PLEASE USE THE FULL ROADWAY WIDTH FOR YOUR ENTRY** – to help keep spectators out of the roadway.

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 will direct participants as they enter the ATC (see map). Please follow instructions so we can keep the parade moving.

To leave the ATC, exit left onto Five Mile Road at the driveway with the traffic signal next to 5/3 Bank, to return to parked vehicles off Forest, such as those at Anderson High School (via Old Five Mile Road and Five Mile Road). 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 sunscreen (*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.AndersonTownshipOH.gov for more information. Please contact Steve Sievers at 513.688.8604 or ssievers@AndersonTownshipOH.gov if you have questions or are no longer able to participate.