

2017 PARADE PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

Participants: As we near the big day, we want you all to remember that this is an amazing amount of volunteer work on the part of the whole team putting it together and trying to carry it off. Please remember to thank them and listen up. We are there to help you. Here is the way it works.

1. **The Parade Route has changed from past years.** Please review the map provided on the website.
 2. **Staging will be on Market Street, Waverly and 5th Avenue West.** You may enter the staging area from either west bound 7th or south bound on Market. Please review the map on the website a few days before the parade.
 3. **Please plan to be in your spots by 10:30.** We know this is early but you will have time to meet your neighbors and decorate decorate decorate!
 4. **Street Closures.....**Streets are closed at 9:30
 5. **Use the volunteers at key points with radios and in safety vests to assist you to find your location.**
 6. **When you get to your spot you will find (2) sheets clipped to the stake with your entry name and number.** Please take one of the sheets with you to show the emcees at the grandstand...so they can tell the crowd about you.
 7. **There will be 2 porta potties located at the corner of Waverly and Market, 1 at 3rd and 5th Ave, 1 at 2nd and Waverly, and 1 at Waverly and Lake Ave W.**
 8. **Please do not plan to park extra vehicles in Heritage Park.** Try to find parking either north of 5th. Ave. W. or east of Market. City Hall is a great place.
 9. **The children's parade will start at 11:30 AM, decorating begins at 10:30AM. They will start at the Pavilion in Marina Park. They will finish at Lake and Central.**
 10. **The big parade starts at 12:00** noon at the base of Central in Marina Park . This means that we have purposefully set things up for viewing to begin there. Further up on the hill on Market is simply staging and you need not perform on the Market hill at all.
 11. **After the kid's parade, we will move the Vets down to the base of Central. When it begins the parade will continue through the park to Kirkland Ave. then turn left and go to the grandstand to the grandstand where the National Anthem will be sung. At that time, many of the rest of you will move too. Some will follow the vets and some will move onto Market into the northbound lane. These moves are in preparation for the parade start. So many of you will move....and then stop.**
 12. **The parade starts officially when the police move the Veterans and color guard into the route.**
 13. **You may do a routine or performance, if you have one, for 30 seconds to one minute in front of the grandstand which is at the Lake and Kirkland corner.**
 14. **Perhaps the most important note of all is that you need to stay near the group ahead of you.** We need to avoid gaps in the parade. Please keep up the pace and if you get a little behind make every effort to catch up quickly.
 15. **Do not stop anywhere on the route** besides at the grand stand for performance.
 16. **REMINDER: Do NOT throw candy!** You can have walkers passing out candy along the edges.
 17. **The parade ends when you turn back up onto Market. Keep going the neighborhood north of Heritage Park and Waverly Way.** Please do not stop on Waverly.
- If you have questions or concerns please let us know email penny.sweet13@gmail.com or call.

We try hard to keep all of your requests in mind and make this an enjoyable parade for the spectators and for you but we sometimes can't put you where you want.

The parade order document will be uploaded to the website on approximately July 1st. See you on the 4th!!!

If you are in Kirkland, Illinois. Please don't come. I didn't include your entry.