



River Forest Park District

Memorial Day Parade Frequently Asked Questions

What time should we meet at the parade line-up area?

All entries should plan on being at the Staging Area by 9:00am and be ready to go at 9:30am. Large numbers of walking unit participants should line up inside the park area and be ready to “fall in” when the parade starts.

What time does the Parade start and where do we go?

The parade commences at 9:30am SHARP; stepping-off on Ashland Ave at Augusta. The parade will proceed south on Ashland Avenue to Lake Street, then west on Lake Street to Keystone Park.

How do I prevent gaps?

Please keep pace with the groups in front of you. Drive carefully and be aware of people in the street and close to you. Please don't allow gaps to form.

What do I do with my Parade candy/marketing material?

Candy and marketing material will be allowed to be distributed along the parade route.* Candy and marketing material may **ONLY BE HANDED OUT** to parade spectators along the curb. For safety and insurance purposes, no candy or marketing material may be thrown from vehicles/floats/marchers or from anyone in the parade. Any entry caught throwing candy or marketing material will be removed from the parade route and prohibited from participating in future Memorial Day Parades.

***NO DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE:** Distribution of literature means **handing out written materials about causes, products, charities, unions, or political issues**

What do we do at the end of the Parade?

The parade ends at Keystone Park where there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony and FREE Community Picnic.

Don't like your Parade position?

We can't stress how much work goes into the parade line-up in order to provide a balanced and cohesive show for those thousands of faces lining the parade route. We recognize that not all will like their parade line-up placement; however it is important to understand that the front, middle and end of the parade are all important to us – that is what makes for a good parade. Thank you for your cooperation.

What is the Emergency Response Plan?

In the event of severe weather/lightning detected in the Village after 9:00am, or severe weather/lightning predicted in the Village during the parade hours, the event will be cancelled. Should the event be cancelled, River Forest Police will notify all residents on the parade route, and the River Forest Park District will be responsible to notify all parade participants in the staging area.

1. The River Forest Park District has created an Emergency Contact list of all entries and will email and text parade contacts. Parade contacts should have their cell phones with them and powered on the morning of the Parade.
2. Parade cancellations will also be posted on the River Forest Park District website and social media
3. The police will make a cancellation announcement via PA system.
4. When in doubt, stay at home should severe weather strike