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Saturday, September 21, 2019

"Affton Gives Back"

Parade Route

Affton High School, traveling south on Mackenzie, then proceeding down Gravois Road to Weber Road, and ending at Bayless Elementary School.



THEME & AWARDS The 2019 theme is "Affton Gives Back." We encourage all parade participants to decorate their entries with non-perishable food and other items that will be donated to local organizations. Awards will be given for: *Theme of Parade, Judges Choice, Most Original Entry, Best Church Entry, Best School Entry*. The winners will be announced on September 23, 2019 at www.afftonchamber.com and Affton Community Days Facebook page. Any entry received after September 6, 2019 will not be included in the judging line-up. Entries received after the deadline may or may not be allowed to participate and will be placed at the end of the parade if space is available.

LINE UP/STAGING Only parade vehicles with a color coded parade entry number will be allowed entrance at the staging area. Enter the north parking lot of Affton High School with the colored sheet on the vehicle's dashboard. The volunteer parade marshals will be able to direct you to the proper lot making the check-in process quicker. They will assist you with any issue. They have full authority to make and enforce decisions, which will ensure the safe progress of the parade. Entries need to arrive by 9:00 am. It is of particular importance that large vehicles or floats line up by that time. Individual marchers can arrive as late as 9:30 am, but please allow time for riding the shuttle bus to the staging area.

DROPPING OFF PARTICIPANTS Vehicles dropping off parade participants will not be allowed in the staging area. They may park at 8300 Morganford (former St. Mark's Catholic Church) and ride the shuttle bus to Affton High School. Please instruct your participants to tell the marshals they are with the organization listed on the application you submitted. The parade marshals will then direct them the appropriate entry.

PARTICIPANT SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

8:00-9:15 am: 8300 Morganford (former St. Mark's) ↔ Affton High School
street reopening-12:30 pm: Bayless Elementary School ↔ 8300 Morganford (former St. Mark's)

WHEEL WALKERS In order to reduce gaps between entries during the parade, maintain an appropriate and safe pace, and ensure an entertaining parade for all of our participants, all Parade units are required to provide designated parade unit wheel walkers. Wheel Walkers are asked to: Walk on either side of every moving vehicle, next to the wheels, to ensure that the area in front of their unit is clear of any pedestrians or other parade units. Maintain the movement and pacing in the parade of all vehicles and marchers belonging to their unit, maintaining a distance approximately 20 feet from the unit ahead of them.

PARADE RULES To provide for everyone's safety, it is strictly prohibited to throw any items from the parade units. We ask that candy, and any other items, be handed out by walkers in the curb lanes. Anyone violating this rule will be asked, by the parade marshals, to drop out of the parade. Only licensed drivers may drive vehicles in the parade. No alcohol is allowed.

END OF PARADE When the parade reaches the Bayless Elementary School, entries that do not need to drop off participants or breakdown their float must continue on Weber Road. Entries that need to breakdown and drop off participants will follow the marshals/police directions to park near the Bayless Elementary School. There will be a shuttle bus to take participants to 8300 Morganford (former St. Mark's).

CHANGES TO YOUR ENTRY Your assigned line-up area is only large enough for your unit, as described on your application. If there are any changes to the size of your float or the number of vehicles, let us know as soon as possible. If you have made changes without telling us, you will not fit in the space which we have allowed for you. This has caused problems in the past. Changes after September 6, may not be able to be accommodated.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 6, 2019...Application Deadline
September 9, 2019...Line-Up Packets Mailed

If you have any changes, questions or concerns, please call or email!
We hope you're as excited as we are. See you on the 21st!
Affton Community Days Committee