

St. Pat's First Citizens Parade Official Guidelines for 2007

Saturday, March 15, 2007

Staging Area: Adger Road, Millwood Avenue and Devine Street

Before the Parade: 8:00am-9:30am INFORM YOUR PARTICIPANTS WITH THIS INFO

Only vehicles participating in the parade may enter the staging area. Parents may park personal vehicles at St. Joseph's School and walk their children across the street if necessary, however we advise that everyone enter the area as a group. Please know your line-up number. Place it in your **LEFT Front Windshield**. The **parade desk** is located at the intersection of Adger, Devine and Millwood in front of the Bank of America if you have any questions. All police officers and parade officials wearing Parade Marshal, Tri-Delta and ATO jerseys will assist you. Port-a-Johns will be in the area for your convenience.

The staging area of Devine (blocked at Sweetbriar), Adger (blocked at Devereaux) and Millwood (blocked at Amherst) will be blocked beginning at 8:00am. Only vehicles with official numbers will be allowed to enter this staging area. Enter the area that you have been assigned facing toward Five Points heading down Devine. Identify a place for your group to meet before and after the parade. It is imperative that each float or entry arrives at the staging area as **ONE** group. **PARENTS WILL NOT** be allowed to drop children off in this area. When planning your meeting place, consider a well-known area for pick-up after the parade such as the Martin Luther King Baseball Field. Before you come to the parade, do a safety check on your vehicle(s). Place your number inside your front windshield in front of the driver.

ENTER Adger Road only if you are lining up on Adger, enter Devine only if you are lining up on Devine and enter Millwood only if you are lining up on Millwood. Plan to arrive at the staging area no later than 9:00am. Go to your area and line up facing Devine Street according to your number. Line up after your number or the number closest to it. You have a list so you may be able to identify the group before you. Plan a route to the parade ahead of time. **Numbers 1-30, line up on Millwood (far right lane units 1-15, middle right lane stays open, far left lane units 16-30 line up) and middle left lane stays open.**

Units 31-45 should line up in far right lane of Devine facing toward Five Points, Units 46-60 line up in far left lane facing toward Five Points and middle lanes stay open for placement and emergency vehicles.

Units 61-80 will line up on Adger Road with all units facing Devine on right side of road. Left side should stay open for placement purposes and emergency vehicles.

Units 81 plus will line up on Devine from Sweetbriar to Kilbourne facing toward Five Points and move forward as parade begins.

St. Patrick's Day-We're on It! Theme including music is the only requirement for your entry. This is your time to shine and be colorful. Wearing of the green, orange and white is most appropriate. You will not be seen in this parade if your exhibit is not identified. Please make either a banner or signs for both sides of your exhibit. Inspection for appropriateness will be held prior to the parade, and all decisions of the Parade Committee are final. Law officers and parade officials will assist you in the parking area. Judges will be judging of the left side of Devine. **Do NOT STOP! AWARDS** will be presented to everyone in the parade at 12:30 on stage in Martin Luther King Park. Please have a representative there to **claim your award**. If not possible, awards may be picked up at the First Citizens Bank on Rosewood the week following the festival.

DURING THE PARADE: START TIME - 10:00AM

Drive slowly with at least one car length between units in the middle of Devine Street. Stay away from the walkers. **DO NOT STOP** unless you have an emergency. Our goal is to have a gapless parade. Watch out for children and pedestrians. You cannot throw candy or other items to the crowd as children may run out into the street to retrieve it. If you wish to give favors which we encourage, have walkers with your group handing them out to the crowd. We want you to have a wonderful time at this event, but always listen to law enforcement officers and parade officials. Be courteous and remember the spirit of the parade. It is a day for family fun!

AFTER THE PARADE: Awards Ceremony @12:30 in Children's Area Park Stage

Law officers will direct you at the end of the parade route on Harden. You may walk down Pavillion Ave. to the park. Bands should have buses in place (parked on Harden Street at the end of the route) for pick-up. Saddle groups will load at the end of the route also on Harden Street.

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL STREETS AT LINE-UP AREA WILL BE CLOSED SUCH AS DEVINE, MILLWOOD AND ADGER AT 8:00AM. Plan your route according to this information. Have fun and a safe parade! Call Diane Rials at 796-9230 if you have any questions.

Parade Awards will be presented at 12:30pm on stage at MLK Park to every parade unit. Please have a representative there to pick up your award. Everyone receives an AWARD!