

Parade Information

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Please refrain from tossing or placing candy within the parade route. You can designate responsible individuals to walk along the parade route, close to the crowd, to hand out candy or other free items to the public. If all units cooperate, we can prevent our children from being in a dangerous situation.

PARADE NOTE

- Due to street closures for the parade, beginning at 10 a.m., regular traffic patterns will be altered.
- The parade route is one mile long, from E. Diamond Avenue to Odendhal Avenue.
- Follow the PARADE MARSHALS INSTRUCTIONS during the parade.

PARKING

- **PARADE UNITS:** A limited amount of parking is available in your line-up area. We recommend that you either carpool or use the shuttle bus service at the Lakeforest Mall commuter lot beginning at 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. to arrive at your line-up area. Return shuttle buses are available at the end of the parade to return you to Lakeforest Mall or near your line-up area.
- **PARADE VIEWERS:** During the parade, free parking is available in the Olde Towne garage, located at the corner of Olde Towne and Summit Avenues. Handicap parking is located behind the Victor Litz store on the north side of Diamond Avenue, and behind the Shell station on Summit Avenue. A shuttle bus is available to transport the public from the Lakeforest Mall to Gaithersburg Elementary School, beginning at noon.

HORSE UNITS

- Drop off all horse units and park at Gaithersburg Middle School or park on Odendhal Avenue at designated area (provides easier exit after parade.)

BAND UNITS

- All busses: please drop off band members and instruments at Gaithersburg Middle School, 2 Teacher's Way, to assemble until the parade starts. Drivers can park buses on Odendhal Avenue at designated area (provides easier exit after parade.)

LINE-UP ASSIGNMENT

- Please inform all your members of their LINE-UP NUMBER AND ZONE COLOR (See Labor Day Bulletin.) The bulletin contains important information to expedite line-up and parade procedures. Please copy and distribute to your unit members. Parade line-up (subject to change) will be online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov after September 1.
- To prevent units from pile up at the end of the parade - All units must proceed beyond the sign that says, "PARADE ENDS HERE" beside the red, white and blue feather banners.

BRING WATER: Due to possible extreme heat, please bring enough water for unit members during the event. Water stations are provided at the beginning, middle and end the parade route.

For questions: email Dorthy Winder at dwinder@gaitersburgmd.gov or call 301-258-6350, ext. 136.

Thank you for supporting the Gaithersburg Labor Day Parade!