

St. Patrick's Day Parade of Morris County, Inc.

Orientation Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2010

Welcome and Introductions

Purpose of Meeting

To familiarize marching groups with the things they need to know to help make the parade a complete success for all involved, including, participants, spectators and parade committee.

Housekeeping & Sign-in

Refreshments available at rear of room, bathrooms at right of exit doors

All groups must sign-in

If your group did NOT have name printed on sign-in sheet see Coordinator afterwards

Obtain Vehicle Permits and application

Pre-Parade & Parade Lot

Arrival times: floats, vehicles, marchers

Lot: Drop-off Lane, limited access, Vehicle Permits, lot map

Role of Parade Coordinators and Marshals

Parade Facts

Participant Behavior

Family oriented, No Alcohol

No political, commercial, fundraising activities

No inappropriate banners, slogans, displays, etc.

No throwing of items into spectators (candy, beads, etc.)

Other "Do's and Don'ts"

End of Parade

Ends on Atno near HS lot

Make way for groups behind you to end in HS parking lot

Frequently Asked Questions

Parade Committee Member Comments

Questions and Answers

Final instruction: HAVE A GREAT PARADE DAY!

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Parade date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Parade start time: Noon

Parade start location: Morristown Town Hall, 200 South Street (ENTER FROM BACK OF LOT – FROM FRANKLIN STREET)

Participant arrival: Floats 9:00 AM
Vehicles 10:00 AM
Marchers 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Parade Route: Down South Street toward The Green
Around The Green, down Washington Street
Right onto Atno Avenue, ending at HS lot

Parade ends: Last group steps off about noon and ends marching at approximately 2:00 PM

The Morris County Saint Patrick's Day Parade is privately funded through the goodwill of area businesses and individuals. No public funds are received.

The Morris County Saint Patrick's Day Parade usually attracts more than 70,000 spectators along the parade route.

The Morris County Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the largest parades held in New Jersey.

The Morris County Saint Patrick's Day Parade has more marching bands than the Rose Bowl Parade.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What time does the parade start?

A: The parade steps off promptly at noon.

Q: What time do I have to get to the parade lot if I am marching in the parade?

A: In general all groups must be completely ready to go, regardless of their place in the parade, as of 11:30 AM. Keep in mind that TRAFFIC BECOMES EXTREMELY HEAVY AND DETOURS ARE COMMON prior to the parade. Plan on ARRIVING IN THE LOT by the following times:

- ☞ Floats 9:00 AM
- ☞ Vehicles in the line of march 10:00 AM
- ☞ Marchers 10:30 AM, but NO LATER than 11:30 AM

Plan on arriving earlier rather than later. No one is allowed to join the parade in-progress.

Q: Can I park in the Parade Lot?

A: No...**the Parade Lot is reserved for marchers and parade vehicles.**

Q: Where can I park?

A: There is metered, on-the-street parking on some side streets. There are municipal parking lots throughout town. There is plenty of free parking at the end of the parade route in the rear parking lot of Morristown High School (Atno Avenue).

Q: Can I pull into the Parade Lot to drop off my child who is marching?

A: Yes, there is a drive through, drop-off lane in the Parade Lot. The driver must remain with the car at all times; therefore, you will have to arrange for another adult to escort your child to their group's staging location.

Q: How long is the parade route? How long does the parade take?

A: The parade route is a little more than a mile long. From beginning to end the parade lasts about two hours.

Q: What happens if it rains?

A: Bring an umbrella and raincoat. The parade still steps off at noon.

Q: What if it snows?

A: That may be a different story. The Parade Committee is guided by what the Morristown police say. Tune to WMTR-1250 AM, WDHA-105.5 FM and the parade website ParadeDay.com if there is snow.

Q: What do I do if I have a question on parade day?

A: Ask it. There are plenty of Parade Coordinators, Parade Marshals and police officers in the Parade Lot and along the parade route who are available to assist you.

Q: Where can I get directions and more information?

A: Go to the parade website: **ParadeDay.com.**

PARADE DIRECTIONS

FROM Rte 287 NORTHBOUND: Take Exit #35 marked “South Street/Madison Avenue/Route 124” – At end of exit ramp, make left on to South Street – follow South Street through two traffic lights. Make next right on to Elm Street. Floats and Parade Vehicles should make right on to Hill St and follow signs to Parade Lot.

FROM Rte 287 SOUTHBOUND: Take Exit #35 Marked “Madison Avenue/Route 124.” At top of ramp, make right onto Madison Avenue. Follow to first traffic light and make right on to South Street. Go through one traffic light and make right on to Elm Street. Floats and Parade Vehicles should make right on to Hill St and follow signs to Parade Lot.

FROM MENDHAM AND POINTS WEST: Take old Route 24 into Morristown – becomes Washington Avenue. Follow straight to Green, which is on left. Going straight, it now becomes South Street. Follow to third traffic light – make left on to Elm Street. Floats and Parade Vehicles should make right on to Hill St and follow signs to Parade Lot.

FROM MADISON, CONVENT STATION AND POINTS EAST: Take old route 24 (now 124) past Rods. At Friendly’s traffic light, the road becomes four lanes. Proceed to South Street – turn right. Go through one traffic light and make right on to Elm Street. Floats and Parade Vehicles should make right on to Hill St and follow signs to Parade Lot.

FROM SUSSEX TURNPIKE – FOLLOW TO SPEEDWELL AVENUE: Take Speedwell Avenue to Green and then take South Street to Elm Street. Left on to Elm Street. Floats and Parade Vehicles should make right on to Hill St and follow signs to Parade Lot.

*** ONLY AUTHORIZED VEHICLES WILL BE ADMITTED TO PARADE LOT ***

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE DELIBERATELY DIVERTING TRAFFIC AWAY FROM HOSPITAL AND LOCAL STREETS FOR SAFETY REASONS. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS AND FOLLOW THE ABOVE DIRECTIONS.

SPECIAL NOTE IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF MARCHERS BEFORE GOING TO FIND A PARKING SPACE. FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS AS ABOVE EXCEPT THAT ONCE ON ELM STREET YOU MAY MAKE RIGHT ON TO FRANKLIN STREET TO GET TO LOT. PARADE FLOATS AND VEHICLES MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AS ABOVE.

No entry from South Street – The two driveways, which will be monitored, are active police passages. Stay away, please.

Parade Lot (Staging Areas)

Enter from Franklin Street

