

FRUITPORT LIONS CLUB

Old Fashioned Days Parade Marshaling

(Revised April 11, 2024)

PARADE START TIME IS 2:00 PM

Check-in at 11:30 AM and lining up starts at 12:30 PM.

Dear Parade Participant:

The Old Fashioned Days Memorial Day Parade (OFD Parade) starts at 2:00 pm on Memorial Day (observed). Check-in starts at 11:30 am and lining up starts at 12:30 pm. If you registered for and have been approved for participating in the parade, please plan on this marshaling plan. You will hear from us about one week prior to the parade with any final marshaling and reporting instructions.

Please do not show up to participate unless you have registered and are approved to participate. We will not take any walk-ons on the day of the parade.

On the Parade Day, please remember to:

- 1) Report to the Fruitport Middle School (3113 E Pontaluna Rd, Fruitport, MI 49415) parking lot (large parking lot east of the school) on Pontaluna Road for marshaling. Lions Club members (are usually identifiable by their chrome-yellow vest and/or hat) will direct you to your assigned holding area when you enter the lot. Please arrive between 11:30am and 12:30pm. We start lining up at 12:30 pm. Allow for ample time to arrive because getting into and around Fruitport can be difficult on this day.
- 2) Bring a printed or electronic copy of the parade marshaling email you received and know your parade unit name/description and your parade applicant's contact information. This helps us direct you to your marshaling location and identify you for announcement at the reviewing stand. Please make sure everyone in your group or parade unit knows their parade unit's name and description so we can direct them to the correct area.
- 3) Obtain a card with your parade ID number as you enter the marshaling area. Please prominently display the number on the left-front of your parade entry (under a windshield wiper, for example) or have someone in your unit show it to the reviewing stand (near the intersection of Pontaluna Road & 3rd Street) as you pass. This allows the announcer to properly recognize and announce you.
- 4) If you are only dropping off parade participants, such as members of marching units and persons riding on floats, please use the driveway in front of (north of) the Middle School (enter at the far west end). There is a limited (first-come) area for parking your vehicle if all passengers are participating in the parade. Enter at the west end and tell the driveway monitors if you will be dropping-off or wish to park.
- 5) Abide by the Old Fashioned Days Parade Rules and Regulations. Remember, your parade entry application acknowledges that the applicant has read, understands, and agrees to comply with the Old Fashioned Days Rules and Regulations.

We hope you will have a fun time at the parade! For parade-related items email us at parade@fruitportlionsclub.com.