

DAFFODIL FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY INSTRUCTION HANDBOOK

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Section 1 - Tacoma Parade - MAP



Section 1A - Tacoma Parade

FLOAT PREP

Tacoma Parade will begin at 10:15 AM

A shelter and covered area for float preparation is not available to us in support of the 2024 Daffodil Festival Parade. The good news is that the large parking area available is close to our float staging area in Tacoma. Prudent advice would be to bring a pop-up tent and appropriate clothing for the cool and potential damp.

The preparation area is the large parking next to Dock Street in Tacoma between the Maritime Museum and the Dock Building. Rock the Dock Restaurant is on the right-hand corner of this building, address 535 Dock Street, Tacoma. As most floats will arrive the day/evening before the parade, there is no worry about street closures. Set your GPS device to 535 Dock Street. FYI, Rock the Dock is open from 11:00am to midnight.

The entire parking lot is open to us, save for the yellow and blue parking stalls. Preparation will be centered on the North end close to Rock the Dock as that is where we will have a water source for flowers. The Dock Building itself is a huge structure open at both ends, but parking within is not available as there are tenants on both sides, many open on Saturdays.

Floats should be prepared to leave the areas NLT 7:00am in parade numerical order to proceed to the final staging area. Floats will exit the parking lot and travel a short distance north on Dock Street which loops left and turn into S 4th St. At the stoplight, turn left on Schuster Pkwy/Pacific Ave. Floats will be staged in numerical order on the right-hand side of Pacific Ave between S 9th St and S 13th St.

Float judging will begin promptly at 8:00am. Please have your riding personal on the float at that time. Float riders need be available for the benefit of judges and photographers. A parade official will indicate when judging is completed.

Section 1B - Tacoma Parade

FLOAT RIDER AND SUPPORT VEHICLES

Tacoma Parade will begin at 10:15 AM

Floats are staged for judging and the parade on Pacific Avenue between S 9th St and S 13 St.

Float Support and rider vehicles must depart the staging area prior to 9:30am and proceed to the disband area at parades end, between S 22nd and S 23rd St. Parade Marshals will provide direction and guidance.

Section 1C - Tacoma Parade

VIP VEHICLES

Tacoma Parade will begin at 10:15 AM

VIP vehicles will be staged at the Diamond Parking Lot at S 7th St and Commerce Street. To get there from I-5, take the City Center exit/705 off ramp to the Stadium Way off ramp. Turn left at signal - road changes to Commerce. The Diamond Parking lot is just prior to S 7th St.

A Parade Marshal will assist in arranging the VIP vehicles in numbered order. Signage for VIP vehicles is provided at that point. Vehicles need leave the parking lot NLT 9:15am and proceed the Diamond Parking Lot #2 at S 10th and Pacific Ave. (Go right on Commerce, left on S 9th to Court A. Turn right to S. 10th).

Section 1D - Tacoma Parade

BANDS AND LARGE MARCHING UNITS

Tacoma Parade will begin at 10:15 AM

Buses and support trucks/trailers will assemble at Stellar Industrial Supply at the Parking Area located at 711 E 11th Street. To avoid impacting the parade route and other staging areas, please exit I-5 at Portland Avenue exit #134 if traveling northbound; at exit #135 if traveling southbound. From there, follow your GPS device to 711 E 11th Street.

From the parking area, bands must move on foot to the parade line-up point. Departure times from the parking are determined by your position in the parade:

Parade #1 - 50 - Depart NLT 9:00am

Parade # 51-83 - Depart MLT 9:30am

Parade # 84-108 - Depart NLT 9:45am

Parade marshals will assist in band placement along E 11th St

Buses - When leaving the Stellar Industrial Supply parking lot, turn right to St Paul Ave. The left on St Paul to E 15th. Turn right on E-15th St - Road turns left and changes to E D St. Turn right on E-26th and travel to Pacific Ave. Turn right (two blocks) and right on on S. 24th (Puyallup Avenue). From there, a parade official or Tacoma Police Officer will direct you to the disband parking area between S "C" street and Pacific Avenue.

Section 1E - Tacoma Parade

SPECIAL UNIT 1, 2 AND 3

Tacoma Parade will begin at 10:15 AM

Special Unit Rider and Support Vehicles NOT in the parade:

From I-5 Northbound, take Portland Avenue Exit #134. From I-5 Southbound, take Puyallup/Portland Avenue Exit #135. From there, follow GPS device directions to the Stellar Industrial Supply parking lot, 711 E 11th Street. Drop off your parade participants at the 11th and St Paul intersection. Parade participants proceed on foot over the 11th Street Bridge and will be placed in proper order by parade marshals.

After dropping of parade participants at 11th and St Paul, Rider and Support Vehicles will turn left on St. Paul and travel to E-15th St. Turn right - road changes to E. D Street. Turn right on E-26th St and travel to Pacific Ave. Turn right on Pacific Ave and park in disband area S.22nd St, S. 23rd St. And A St. To S. 24th St as directed.

Special Unit vehicles that are IN the parade follow above directions Stellar Industrial and continue on 11th and park in your designated numbered parade spot. You will be assisted by parade marshals.

Section 1F - Tacoma Parade

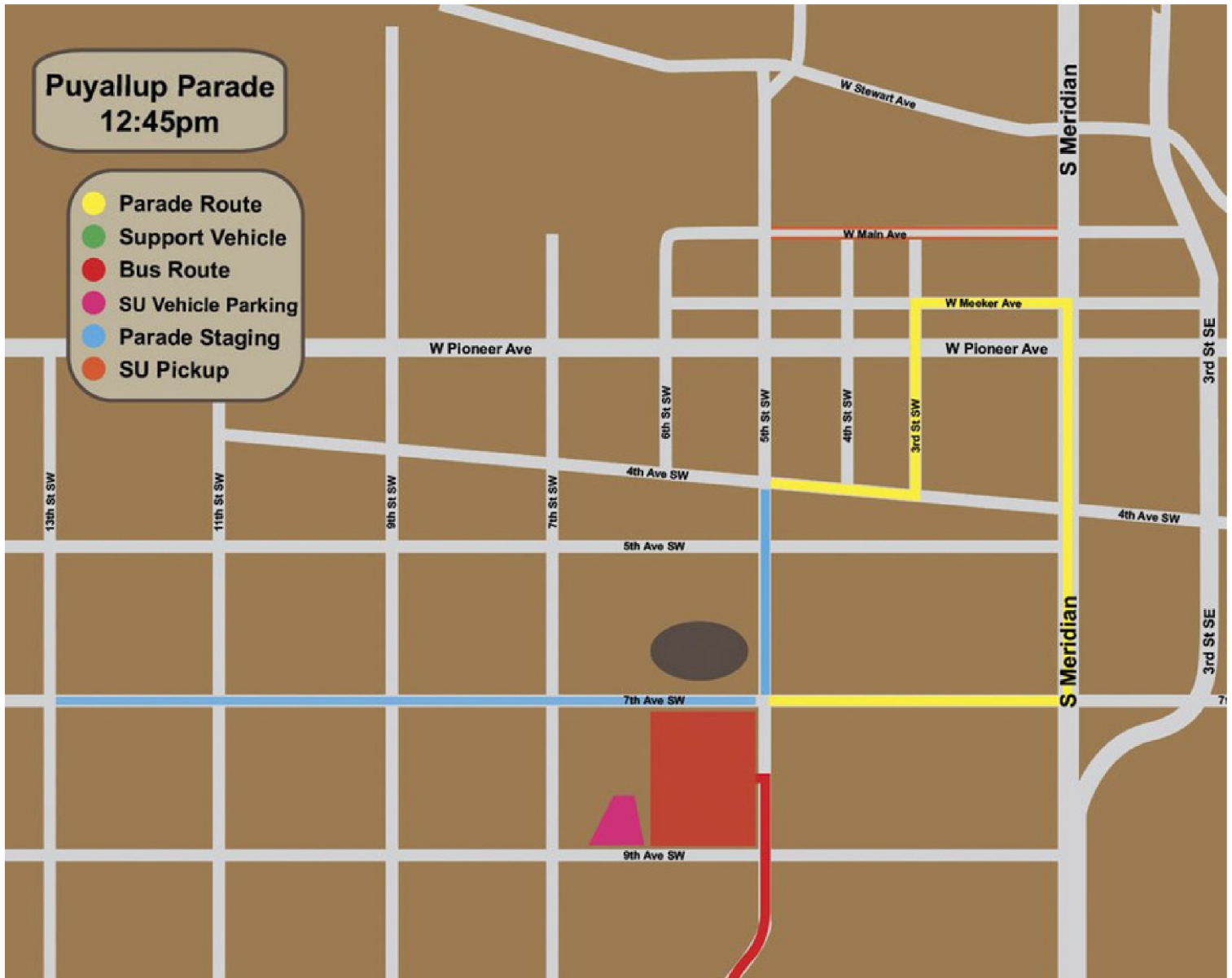
MOUNTED AND ANIMAL UNITS

Tacoma Parade will begin at 10:15 AM

At this time, we have no mounted or harnessed units participating in the Tacoma Leg of the Daffodil Festival Parade. If this is in error, please let us know immediately and special instructions will be immediately forthcoming.

Bob Sudderth, Parade Director - Parade@TheDaffodilFestival.Org.

Section 2 - Puyallup Parade - MAP



Section 2A - Puyallup Parade

FLOAT PREP

Puyallup Parade will begin at 12:45 PM

From Tacoma or elsewhere: Float rider and support vehicles will assemble in the First Christian Church parking lot in Puyallup - 623 9th Ave SW. You can rejoin your float when it reaches the corner of 7th St SW and 7th Ave SW. Set and follow your GPS!

Section 2B - Puyallup Parade

FLOATS TRAVELING FROM TACOMA TO PUYALLUP STAGING

Puyallup Parade will begin at 12:45 PM

1. Proceed south on S 24th St/Puyallup Avenue. Turn right on Portland Ave. - stay in middle lane to East 28th St.
2. Turn left on East 28th. Get in right lane to Puyallup Exit (River Road/SR 167).
3. Go east on River Road several miles to Puyallup. NOTE: Floats are escorted in the left traffic lane with width overflowing into the two way turn lane. This allows traffic to pass the floats freely on the right.
4. Turn right prior to the Toyota dealership onto 15th Street NW
5. At the end of 15th Street, turn left onto West Stewart Avenue.
6. Turn right and cross the railroad tracks at 12th St NW (school bus garage). Turn right onto West Pioneer Avenue at Maplewood Elementary.
7. One block later, turn left onto 13th St SW.
8. Turn left onto 7th Ave SW. A parade marshal will be on 7th Ave to direct your float and support vehicles. All parade entries will be lining up on 7th Ave. SW.

Rescue 4x4's will be accompanying float on the road from Tacoma to Puyallup - front and rear.

Section 2C - Puyallup Parade

VIP VEHICLES

Puyallup Parade will begin at 12:45 PM

1. VIP vehicles with dignitaries and associates continuing to Puyallup will turn left at S 21st Street. (This is I-509). Have your GPS set for Sparks Stadium in Puyallup - 601 7th Ave. SW. This is your staging area. Food can be purchased at the stadium. You will be lining up at or near Sparks stadium for the Puyallup parade. A parade marshal will assist you in staging in your proper position.
2. Remember to remove your signage from the VIP vehicles. They will fly off at or before you reach the speed limit!

Section 2D - Puyallup Parade

BAND BUSES

Puyallup Parade will begin at 12:45 PM

Your destination is the Red Parking lot at the Washington State Fair. Because of congestion off River Road and the streets leading up to the parade route, it is far better approaching your destination from State Route 512. Food and concessions and restrooms are available for participants and drivers at your destination.

1. From Tacoma, turn right East "C" Street to East 26th Street.
2. Turn right on East 26th to Pacific Avenue
3. Turn left on Pacific Avenue and enter the I-5 southbound lanes - Toward Portland.
4. Exit freeway onto 9th Street SW near the South Hill Mall. Turn left. Proceed north on 9th St SW.
5. At 15th Ave SW, proceed ahead onto Fairway Drive (behind the WS Fair).
6. Please wait until parade marshals direct you to the bus parking area in the Red parking lot.

If you are starting your day in Puyallup, approach the Red Lot via the intersection of 9th St SW and 15th Avenue SE. (Parade congestion will prevent you getting to the Red

Lot from the North or downtown Puyallup). Fairway Drive near WSF's roller coaster is the pre-staging area. If your parade number is 1 - 50, arrive by 11:30. 50-100 - 12:15. A parade marshal will direct buses from pre-staging to the Red Lot in approximate parade order.

Once parked, the bus may unload. The bus will be in this same spot for re-boarding after the parade is completed.

Band members are to proceed as pedestrians across 7th Avenue SW into Sparks Stadium. Restrooms are available. Food is available for purchase. Ted Brown Music Co is offering FREE "on the spot" instrument repair.

Section 2e - Puyallup Parade

SPECIAL UNIT VEHICLES

Puyallup Parade will begin at 12:45 PM

For Special Unit Vehicles participating in the parade, follow the directions above for “Floats Traveling from Tacoma to the Puyallup Staging Area”. You will be assisted by parade marshals and assemble as floats according to your parade number on 7th Ave SW between 7th St SW and 13th St SW.

For Special Unit Rider and Support Vehicles NOT participating in the parade, you will park in the First Christian Church parking lot at 623 9th Ave SW in Puyallup. Set and follow your GPS!

Parade participants (walkers) travel as pedestrians to Sparks Stadium where you will line up in the stadium parking lot. Check with the Parade Marshal in the parking lot. Bands assemble inside Sparks Stadium.

The Puyallup Parade starts on 7th Avenue SW at 5th St SE. Parade ends three blocks away on 4th Ave. SW at 5th St SW.

After completing the parade, participants will walk south in front of Meeker Elementary School and then through Sparks Stadium parking lot back to the Support/Rider vehicles at First Christian Church.

Section 2f - Puyallup Parade

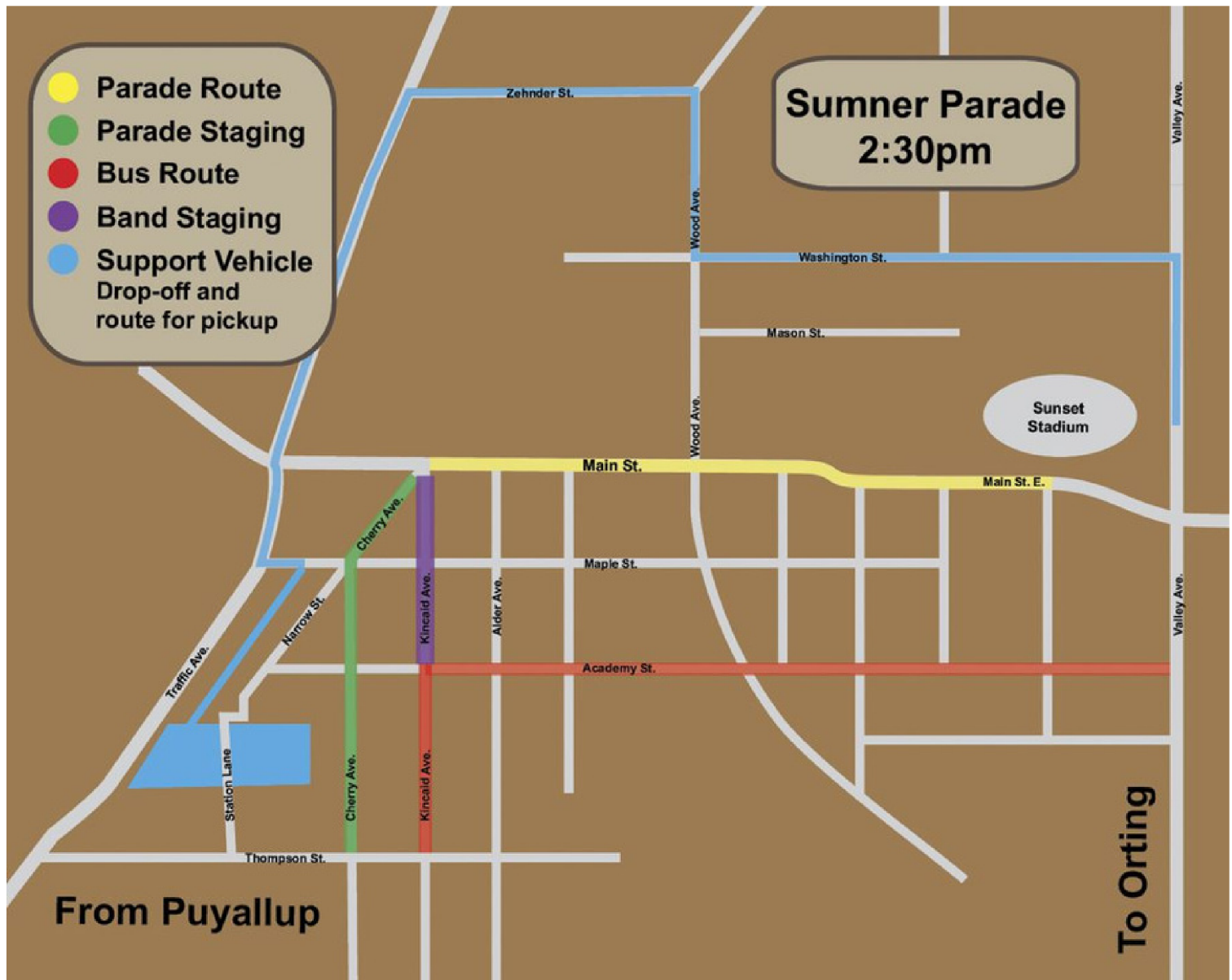
MOUNTED UNITS

Puyallup Parade will begin at 12:45 PM

Mounted/Animal units will be staged on 9th Avenue SW, and 5th St SW on the north side of the Washington State Fairgrounds. Park along the curb - please leave an emergency lane in the middle. (If turning onto 9th from Meridian, it is best to approach from the north side as Meridian will be closed from the 7th Ave SW juncture).

Wait here until the parade marshal directs you to the horse assembly area at the parade route. The marshal will lead you to stage on 5th St SW just south of 7th Ave SW for the parade.

Section 3 - Sumner Parade - MAP



Section 3A - Sumner Parade

FLOAT PREP

Sumner Parade will begin at 2:30 PM

1. From Puyallup, floats will proceed eastbound on Main Avenue, cross Meridian, to the stop sign at 2nd/3rd St NE (the bypass). Here floats will assemble into groups before proceeding to Sumner.
2. Turn left on 2n/3rd St NE (the bypass).
3. Make the 180 degree turn around Pizza Hut onto East Stewart Ave which will soon change its name to E Main Ave.
4. Proceed to Sumner across the Puyallup River near Mama Stortini's Restaurant.

If your float needs assistance between the Puyallup assembly area and the Sumner parade disband area, a local Jeep club is available to provide it.

1. East Main turns into Linden Avenue and crosses the Puyallup River. Road name changes to Traffic Avenue.
2. From Traffic Avenue, turn right on Thompson Street to Cherry Ave.
3. Turn left on Cherry Ave.

Floats stage on Cherry Ave to Narrow St. Float support and rider vehicles can park in the east side train station parking areas to render assistance and drop off riders. From Thompson St, turn left on Station Lane into parking lot. Depart the area by using Academy Street and park near Valley Avenue.

Alternate parking can be obtained by exiting the Train Station thru the Pierce Transit bus exit. Turn right on Traffic Ave (changes to Fryer Ave at Main Street) to Zehnder St. Turn Right on Zehnder St to Wood Ave. Right on Wood Washington or Mason St. Turn left on Washington or Mason Streets to use grocery store or school parking lots.

The Sumner Parade disband area will be on East Main Street between Lewis Ave and Valley Ave for floats going on to Orting.

Section 3B - Sumner Parade

FLOAT RIDER AND SUPPORT VEHICLES

Sumner Parade will begin at 2:30 PM

Exit from Puyallup to Sumner

1. Exit church parking lot and turn right.
2. Turn right again on 9th St SW - heading north.
3. Turn right on West Pioneer - heading east.
4. Turn left on 5th St SW - heading north.
5. Turn right on W Main Ave.

Once you are on West Main Avenue, park your support and royalty vehicles at the right curb. Floats will be passing you on the left. Parade marshals are there to help. When your float arrives, they will stop at the left curb of West Main Ave just long enough for passengers to disembark.

Follow Float directions above for travel to Sumner.

1. Sumner - Turn right on Thompson St and left on Station Lane (first left).
2. Turn left on Station Lane and enter Train Station drop area.
3. After dropping off your riders, turn right on Academy St and park on side streets near Valley Ave or continue to Valley Ave and turn left to the high school stadium parking lot just past Main St.

Section 3C - Sumner Parade

VIP VEHICLES

Sumner Parade will begin at 2:30 PM

Follow the floats to Sumner - At the end of Puyallup Parade on 4th Ave SW, turn right on 5th St SW, turn right on West Main St, cross Meridian and follow Float directions (above) to Sumner.

Turn right on Thompson, left on Kincaid to main and stage as directed by parade marshals.

Section 3D - Sumner Parade

BAND BUSESSES

Sumner Parade will begin at 2:30 PM

1. When loaded, proceed to Sumner as a group. Due to shortage of parking space, it is important you arrive in Sumner in parade order.
2. Turn right onto 5th St SW. Proceed southbound behind fairgrounds on 5th - 9th extension.
3. Turn left on 15th St SW and proceed under freeway.
4. Turn left on South Meridian.
5. Turn right at northbound (Auburn/Seattle) ramp onto Freeway 512.
6. Keep to right onto northbound Hwy 167.
7. Exit onto Hwy 410 eastbound toward Sumner/Buckley.
8. Take Traffic Avenue/Sumner exit. Turn left at light onto Traffic Ave toward Sumner.
9. Turn right on Thompson under railroad trestle.
10. Turn left on Kincaid Ave (3rd street beyond railroad trestle). Here follow parade marshal instructions on where to unload passengers and equipment.
11. Buses will be directed by city police or their representatives down Academy Street to Meeker.
12. The parade starts at Kincaid and Main Street and ends at Lewis Avenue.

Section 3E - Sumner Parade

SPECIAL UNIT VEHICLES

Sumner Parade will begin at 2:30 PM

For SU1 units in the Puyallup Parade, follow Float instructions above to Sumner.

For SU1 Rider and Support units leaving the First Christian Church parking lot, follow Float Rider and Support Instructions above from Puyallup to Sumner.

Section 3F - Sumner Parade

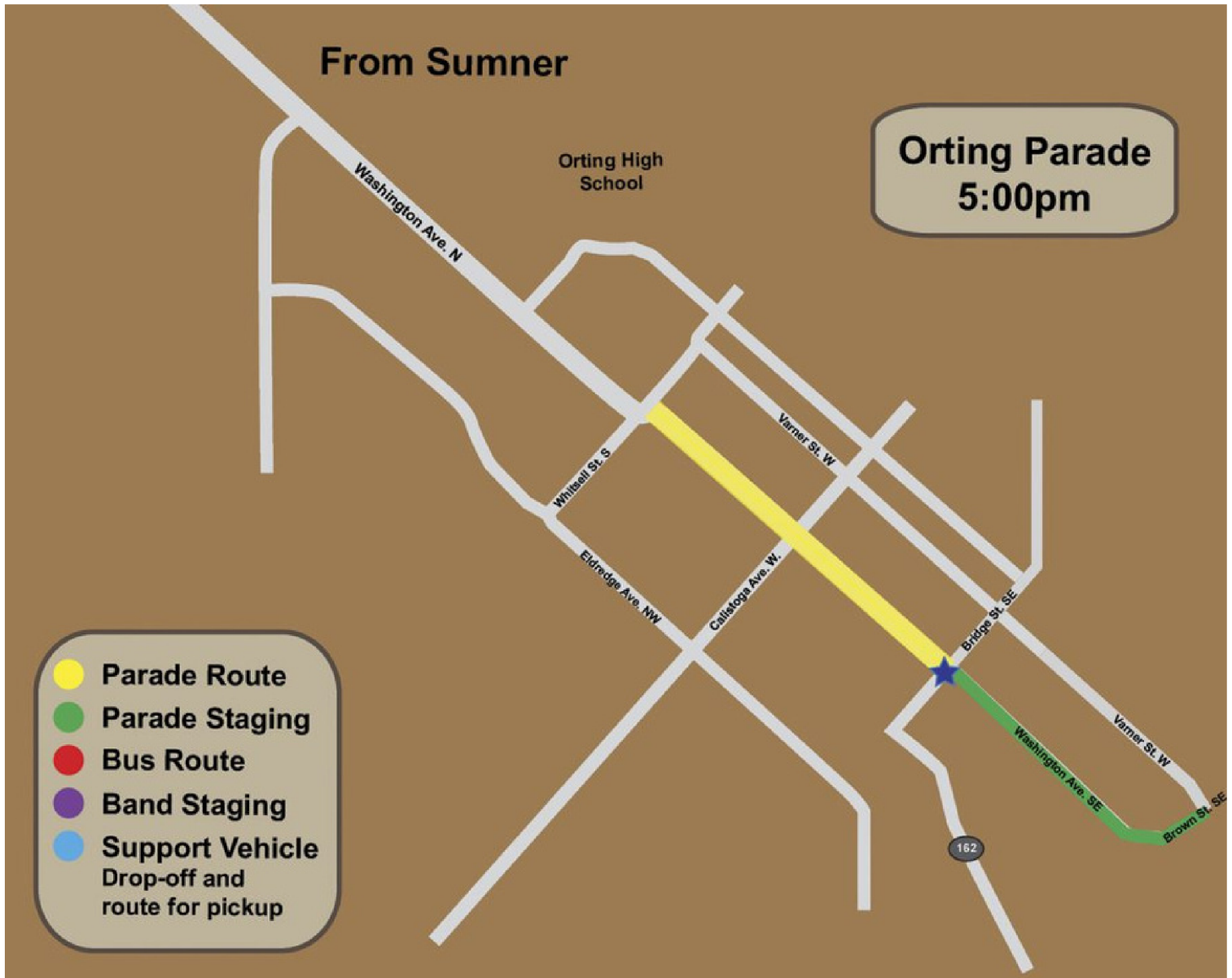
MOUNTED UNITS

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Section 4 - Orting Parade - MAP



Section 4A - Orting Parade

FLOAT PREP

Orting Parade will begin at 5:00 PM

At the completion of the Sumner Parade, Floats will be lined for escort on Main Street between Lewis Avenue and Valley Avenue. Escort service will be provided by 4x4 Jeeps. The procession will begin after faster moving units have had a chance to turn right on Valley Highway (Sumner/Orting Highway, SR 162).

Section 4B - Orting Parade

BAND AND BUSSES

Orting Parade will begin at 5:00 PM

Marching units at the end of the parade will turn right on Lewis Avenue and proceed to Academy St where buses are parked.

1. When band buses enter Orting, SR 162 turns into Washington Street. Travel to the intersection of Washington Avenue North and Calistoga Street. Turn right on Calistoga Street.
2. Turn left on Van Scoyoc Avenue SW and a parade official will assist in parking at the trail parking lot between Van Scoyoc Ave SW and Bridge.
3. Band members will queue on Bridge Street opposite the Eagles Hall prior to the parade.
4. Band members and marching units are welcome at the Orting Eagles Aerie (downstairs) for rest and free refreshments prior to start of the parade.

Section 4C - Orting Parade

FLOATS, SU PARADE UNITS, VIPS, MOUNTED/ANIMAL UNITS

Orting Parade will begin at 5:00 PM

1. Upon entering Orting and pass the High School, turn left on Whitesell St. S.
2. Turn right on to Varner Ave NE.
3. Take Varner all the way to Brown St. SE and turn right.
4. Turn right onto Washington Ave to stage - volunteer parade marshals will be there to assist.

(Note: VIP units turn right on Bridge Street and state at the southwest intersection of Washington and Bridge Street near the Orting Eagles Lodge.)

Section 4D - Orting Parade

RIDER AND SUPPORT UNITS NOT IN PARADE

Orting Parade will begin at 5:00 PM

Upon entering Orting, turn left to park and unload in the Orting High School parking lot. The parade ends at the high school. The parade starts on Washington Avenue at Bridge Street and ends at Whitesell Street.