



# Durty St. Pat's Parade

Saturday, March 15, 2025



## PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

Parade starts at 11am! | Line-up/staging instructions:

**For floats or vehicles in the parade** - please arrive no later than 930am and enter on Oak Street off of Palatine Road. You cannot enter from Northwest Highway at Wood Street from the west. This area is blocked off by Palatine Police.

**For walkers** (you are not physically on - or in a vehicle upon entrance in the parade staging area) - **you must park and walk to the staging area or get dropped off in the Aquatic Center Parking Lot!** (just west of the Walgreens at Northwest Highway and Palatine Road). **PLEASE**..follow these instructions and share them with your group. If people attempt to drop walking participants off in the parade staging area - **they will be turned away** - by Palatine Police.

**LASTLY - WHEN EXITING THE PARADE - HEAD NORTH ON SMITH, EAST ON COLFAX AND SOUTH ON BROCKWAY TO UNLOAD THERE - DO NOT UNLOAD IN FRONT OF DURTY NELLIE'S!**

### 1. LINE-UP PROCEDURES:

- a. **For individuals who will be on floats/in vehicles in parade** enter on Oak Street (heading north) off of Palatine Road to the parade check-in/staging area – **parade volunteers with yellow vests** and Palatine Police will be at this intersection to provide instruction. **Please be aware of pedestrians in this area, and take direction from police/volunteers – if you defy what they direct you to do, we reserve the right to remove you from the parade. Not following instructions can be very dangerous, especially for young and older people who are walking in this entry area.** Provide your parade entry's name to the volunteers and they will direct you. **There will be no southbound access off Wood Street on Oak Street in the parade staging area.** The Police Department will ticket violators – again, this area can be very dangerous due to so much activity – please follow this instruction.
- b. If you are dropping off supplies, you must park in the Aquatic Center Parking Lot (next to the Walgreens off of Northwest Highway on Palatine Road) and walk them over. Parking is NOT permitted in the parade line-up/staging area for the dropping off of any promotional items.
- c. **For walkers only (no vehicle/float)** you must be dropped off (or park) in the Aquatic Center Parking Lot - then walk over to Wood and Oak streets to receive your lineup number from parade volunteers at that intersection or on Oak Street between Oak and Wood streets. **Look for the yellow vests!**
- d. **Please be considerate of residential homes in the area and do not park on the streets around the parade staging entry.** Again, Palatine Police will be ticketing any vehicles that violate the no parking rule during the parade staging, and for the duration of the parade.

2. **ENTRY NAME & LINE UP NUMBER:** Our volunteers in yellow vests will also have your lineup number and a line-up map directing you to your spot in the parade.
3. **PARADE DURATION:** It will take roughly 40-50 minutes to travel the parade route and the parade should take a little under one hour from when the first entry in the parade lineup to when the last entrant ends at the parade finish – at Wood and Smith streets in front of Durty Nellie’s). **Please recognize you will be in the process of line up/staging, start and traveling the parade route for up to two hours+ – so plan accordingly and bring supplies, e.g. water, jackets, hats, etc. as the weather is normally unpredictable!**  
**STAGING:** After you check-in, volunteers will assist with your designated staging location. Spaces are 40’ long, please respect your space - do not overflow into your neighbors’ space.
4. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**
  - a. **Parade starts at 11am sharp at Point ‘A’.** A parade route/map is included on Page 3 of these instructions. The route is labeled “B” and the end/disbursement is labeled “C”. Palatine Police will be directing the route throughout the parade. **For entries that include vehicles or floats - when your entry is at this finish, you need to head north on Smith Street, then east (right) on Colfax Street and south (right) on Brockway Street to let out your participants – you cannot stop on Smith Street as other entries will be behind you and you will stop the parade in its tracks. PLEASE do not do this – Palatine Police will ticket you if you do.**
  - b. **WATER GUNS, SUPER SOAKERS, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED | AND YOU CANNOT THROW CANDY (you can hand candy to the spectators/place in their bags).**
  - c. No alcoholic beverages are permitted for parade participants.
  - d. Performances/demonstrations are limited to the locations indicated on the parade route/map on Page 3.
  - e. **Spacing of entries during the parade is critical to the taping of the parade. Please always maintain one car length between you and the entry in front.**
  - f. **AFTER THE PARADE:** AGAIN - do not pick up participants at the end of the parade. Police will be on site, and you will be ticked if you do this. **Plan to exit/pick-up away from the end of the parade by making a right on Smith Street, head east (make a right) on Colfax Street and then south (also a right turn) on Brockway Street. A final reminder because this happens each year – you cannot stop on Smith Street or Colfax Street or YOU WILL BE TICKED.**
  - g. **QUESTIONS?** Email [melanie@vicariousmm.com](mailto:melanie@vicariousmm.com) or call Melanie at 312-719-2332.

*Please be patient and helpful, as there are limited volunteers (and some are high school students!) for this event.*

*Thank you-let’s have some FUN celebrating this beloved Irish holiday!*

**Parking Map (next page):** free public parking is available Saturday, March 16 in all Village lots (except for Lot 11 at Smith and Colfax streets). **Please remember**, there is no parking near the parade staging area, along the parade route, or at the disbursement area at Colfax and Brockway streets. **Palatine Police will ticket violators.**

**On the next page is the Durty St. Pat’s Parade route.....**

## Downtown Palatine Parking Options



## Durdy St. Pat's Parade Route

