



PARADE PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

The parade will begin at Oak and Wood streets at 11am and head directly west (staying on Wood Street the entire time), then end at Smith Street.

If you don't not follow procedures, the Palatine St. Patrick's Parade reserves the right to remove you/your group from the parade – YES, you won't be able to participate. Period 😊

PARADE ROUTE (see map on Page 2): Parade starts at Point 'A'. The route is labeled "B" and the end/disbursement is labeled "C". Palatine Police will be directing the route throughout the parade.

FLOATS OR VEHICLES IN THE PARADE: Arrive no later than 930am-enter on Oak Street (heading north) off of Palatine Road. You cannot enter from Northwest Highway at Wood Street from the west, or Wood to the east. This area is blocked off by Palatine Police.

WALKERS: Arrive no later than 9:45am-if you are not physically on or in a vehicle) - **you must park in the Aquatic Center Parking Lot-just west of Walgreens** (or be dropped off there) and walk to the staging area in front of Village Hall-200 E. Wood Street. **PLEASE:** Share these instructions with your group. **If you attempt to drop walking participants off in the staging area by attempting to enter at Oak Street and Palatine Road - you will be turned away by Police or the Parade Team - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

LASTLY: When the parade ends (in front of Durty Nellie's) – keep going if you are driving a vehicle or float that has multiple individuals in/on it!!! **Make a right on Smith Street**, then head east/**make a right on Colfax Street** and then head south/**make a right on Brockway Street** to unload there - **do not unload in front of Durty Nellie's!** You will be ticketed by police if you do this – **AND** – it's dangerous for people in this busy area.

LINE-UP PROCEDURES: Floats/Vehicles: Palatine Street and Oak Street – you will get your line-up number upon entering. **Walkers:** park or be dropped off at the Aquatic Center (**no exceptions**). Look for volunteers in the yellow vests to get your line-up number.

PROMO ITEM/CANDY, ETC. DROP-OFF: If you're dropping off supplies, you **must** park in the Aquatic Center Parking Lot and walk them over. Parking is **NOT** permitted in the parade line-up/staging area to drop off any items.

BE CONSIDERATE of residential homes in the area/do not park on streets around staging entry. Police will ticket vehicles that violate the "no parking" rule for duration of the parade.

PARADE DURATION: The parade will take roughly 30-40 minutes from start to finish – **START** is at Wood and Oak streets. **END** is at Wood and Smith streets. **PLEASE NOTE** –

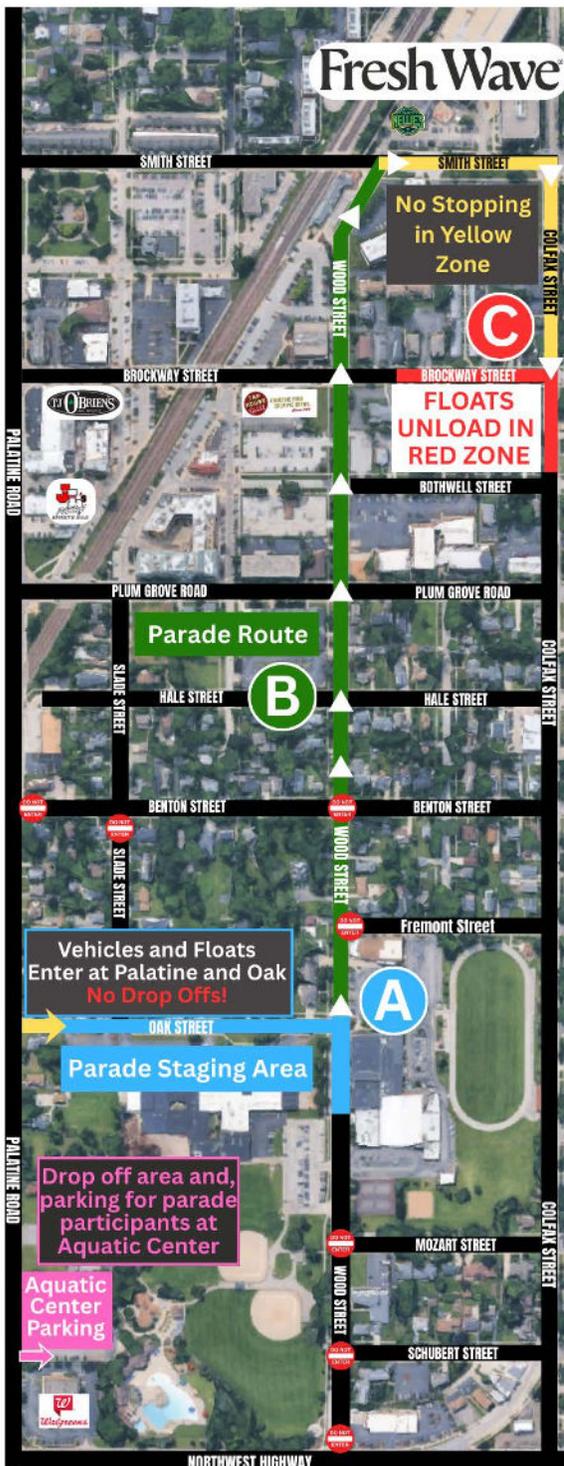
parade line up/staging takes over an hour – bring supplies, e.g. water, snacks, jackets, hats, etc. If you have large groups of young people.... **ADULTS**... please keep kids under control!

STAGING/FLOW: Entry spaces are 40' long, so please respect your space – don't overflow into your neighbors' space. Spacing is critical to the flow and videotaping of the parade. **Please always maintain one car length between you and the entry in front of you.**

WATER GUNS, SUPER SOAKERS, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED | AND DO NOT THROW CANDY (have your volunteers hand candy to the spectators/place in their bags-**children have almost been run over by floats or vehicles when candy is thrown!!!!!!!!!!!!**).

ALCOHOL: No alcoholic beverages are permitted for parade participants.

QUESTIONS? Email Melanie at melanie@vicariousmm.com or call 312-719-2332.



Palatine St. Patrick's Parade Map

Staging Area

Floats and Vehicles that will be in the Parade will enter at Palatine Road and Oak Street. You will be directed where to proceed from there. 
No dropoffs allowed in this area.

Drop Offs and Parking

All participants being dropped off or needing to park their vehicle should do so in the Aquatic Center Parking lot West of Walgreens 
No Exceptions!

Parade Route

The parade will begin at the corner of Oak & Wood steets and proceed West to Smith Street where it ends. **Floats with multiple people on them will continue and make a right turn onto Colfax and turn right on Brockway where they will disperse safely in nearby low traffic areas!**

 **Do not enter at the marked locations!**