

Royal Rosarians 2018 Parade Marching Guide



Welcome to the 2018 Rose Festival Season! We invite you to march with us in three fantastic parades:

- The PGE/Solve Starlight Parade on Saturday, June 2nd,*
- The Fred Meyer Junior Parade on Wednesday, June 6th and*
- The Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, June 9th.*

The Parade Marching Guide is designed to provide you with answers to common questions about marching in the parades.

Meet the Team!



Your Rose Festival Parades Team

Saturday, June 2nd - Starlight Parade Chair – Jannette Day
- Hosting by Starlight Chair – Jannette Day

Wednesday, June 6th - Junior Parade

- Band Marshals Chair – John Jackson
- Shuttle Drivers and Banners Chair – Suzanne Day
- Order Tee Shirts for Parade - Roz Vancil (Bob Woody)

Saturday, June 9^h - Grand Floral Parade Chair - Neal Brown assisted by Gil Newby

Contact Marilyn Schultz to add your name to the wait list to ride the 20-seat Green Machine.

How to March

Uniform: Uniform should meet the Rosarian Code of Conduct (see Royal Rosarian Roster, pages 32-33). Correct fit and cleanliness of the uniform is required (see Royal Rosarian Roster, pages 40-45).

Formation: Follow the directions of the Royal Rosarian Drill Master(s).

Parade Behavior: Smile, wave and have fun while maintaining a dignified manner (see Royal Rosarian Roster, page 32-33).

Be Prepared:

- Please carry a cell phone with access to Parade Chair's Cell phone number.
- Please carry your Photo ID & Royal Rosarian Emergency Information Card.

How to Marshal

Marching Bands: Arrive early and check in. At this time, you should receive a report card that has questions that characterize the activities of the band. Please complete the card at the end of the parade and hand it to an earlier designated Rosarian. This information is used by the Rose Festival, not only for possible awards, but to help determine if the band will be invited back. You will receive a number to attach to the right sleeve of your uniform. This is used to help identify the band.

Introduce yourself to the Band Director and any other key advisors; e.g., the Drum Major. Let them know that you are there to assist them at the direction of the parade organizers and that ***you will be marching at the front right and abreast of their banner or leading element of the band.***

You are responsible to keep the band spacing 30-50 feet from the unit that is directly ahead. If the lead elements of the band are their banner carriers, insure they are keeping the same distance from the band as they have a tendency to outpace the band. If you come to a stop it is preferable to close up to the unit ahead. However, once the parade restarts it is important to wait before moving forward so you can maintain the aforementioned spacing. If this spacing is not maintained it makes it difficult for the announcers in the PA Towers to inform the crowd what they are viewing and for them to acknowledge the band.

You are also responsible to follow any directions given by the parade organizers (wearing orange vests) along the parade route. These are typically directions to speed up or slow down. Note: This is only applicable for the **Starlight Parade**.

Sometimes you will encounter a street vendor that has placed themselves in the direct path of the band, making it difficult for them to stay in formation. When this happens, if possible, move ahead of the band and ask the vendor to move over to the honor line. Then wait for the band to catch up with you.

Be another set of eyes for the Band Director. Be observant of your surroundings and where you are. Trust your instincts. In case of an emergency or major concern, notify a Parade Marshal (Starlight Parade only), a Police Officer, or an announcer in a PA Tower.

If you find yourself in an emergency situation and /or have a major concern and none of the preceding individuals are available, immediately call 911.

Remember to stay hydrated and thank you for participating and being mindful of your responsibilities.

Float / Unit: Arrive early and check in. During the Grand Floral Parade, you will be an official marshal. Get to your assigned float early and introduce yourself to the float's coordinator, as well as, any participants riding the float. On occasion, the float will have an additional group of participants marching in front of or around the float. There will be a float builder's Parade Marshal with the float at all times. The builder's Float Marshal will be positioned at the front left of the float and assist the float driver with the float's speed and turns.

You will march at the rear right corner of the float. You will **not** be required to provide any instructions regarding speed and/or turning control. You are there to escort the float and not obstruct the view of the float when pictures are being taken.

Remember to stay hydrated and thank you for participating and being mindful of your responsibilities.

All parade participants (i.e. marchers, float riders, band members, dancers, marshals, etc.) are prohibited from making physical contact with parade spectators along the route or in the formation area. This rule is in place both for the safety of the participants and spectators, and for the liability of the event. Furthermore, nothing may be handed out, thrown, or otherwise distributed along the route to parade spectators by parade participants in the line of march. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to gifts, literature, candy, stickers, silly string, water, etc.

PGE/Solve Starlight Parade

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Location: Downtown Portland

Hours: Starts at 8:30 PM

Parade Length: 2.25 Miles

Televised Live: 9:00 PM (Fox 12)

Dress: Dress Whites, hats, capes, pants with lighted gloves available for \$10 at the membership meeting.

Arrival Time:

7:00 – 7:45 PM. Band Marshals (Check-in at Rosarian Table in Firestone Lot – NW 8th & W Burnside)

8:00 PM. Marching Unit (1-2 Blocks West of the North Park Blocks – Float Area)

Hint: Police barricades of the parade route and parade disband area are expected to be in place by 3:30pm. The easiest way in and out of the parade zone is to use MAX. The Portland Streetcar is

another option. Be sure to verify arrival and departure times in advance.

Arrive early and park your car IN A LOT near the Mark Spencer Hotel or at the end of the parade route (Hotel Deluxe Parking Structure is convenient). Street parking may lead to towing. Determine your transit and parking arrangements before the day of the parade to avoid disappointments. After dinner, proceed with other Rosarians to the formation area in the North Park Blocks (Firestone Parking Lot Table).

Before the Parade:

The Mark Spencer Hotel is located at 409 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205. The hotel is the informal Starlight Parade Headquarters for Royal Rosarian activities during and after the Starlight Parade. **May 31st deadline-15% off room reservations under “Hosting by Starlight” - Book now** Make no-host dinner reservations as early as 5:00 PM at restaurants on the Hosting by Starlight flyer: Gilda’s, Gracie’s, Jake’s Crawfish and West Café or your choice!



After the Parade: The Rosarian Marching Unit and Marshals return to the Mark Spencer Hotel ballroom.

Hosting by Starlight:

Rosarians plus a spouse, significant other or guest are invited to attend our signature Hosting by Starlight Event in the Mark Spencer Hotel “Nortonia” Ballroom. Join others in a complimentary light buffet and a no-host bar. *Additional guests are charged a \$10.00 per person entry fee at the registration desk.* **Space is limited, so please use discretion in guest invites.**

8:00 PM – The hotel ballroom is open for large-screen televised Starlight Parade coverage. The first light buffet service will begin at 9:30 PM, with service ending at 11:30pm. Last call bar orders will take place at 11:00pm.

Fred Meyer Junior Parade

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Location: Hollywood District

Hours: 1:00 PM (Official Start)

Televised Live: 1:00 PM (Fox 12)

Dress: Dress Whites with hats, gloves, capes. Ladies to wear pants.

Arrival Time:

12:00 PM. Band Marshals (Check-in at Formation Area, Southeast corner of NE 57th & NE Hancock).

Parking in the Parade Area

Adjacent side street parking barricades around the parade route go up at various times at police discretion after 10:00am. Parade route access is closed by 11:30am. Routes are very congested. Arrive early and allow plenty of time to park.

Jr. Parade Shuttle for Rosarians

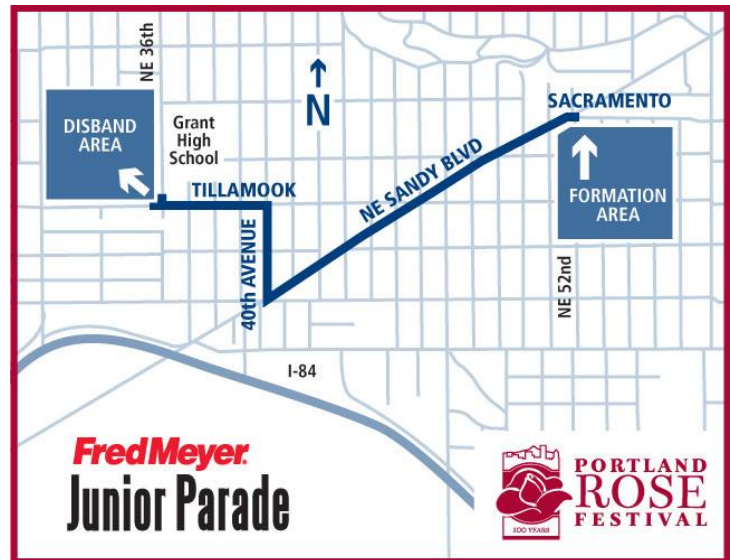
Many Rosarians will arrive in the Hollywood District and park on the streets West of NE 33rd Avenue prior to the parade. A shuttle will be available to Rosarians escorting bands in the QFC Parking Lot that will transport Rosarians to NE 56th & NE Halsey, at Normandale Park. **Please do not park in the QFC Parking Lot.** Your children or grandchildren will walk with you while you marshal if there is no marching unit. The Shuttle will also be available to return Rosarians that parked near the check-in area at Normandale Park following the parade.

If we have enough marshals in place for the bands, then we will add a marching unit so members and their young family members

can march together wearing the Royal Kids Tee shirts that can be purchased through Roz Vancil at the next membership meeting.

Post Parade Gathering

Following the Junior Parade, Jan Tolman is hosting a get together for Rosarian parade participants at Aunt Tillie's Deli located at 2000 NE 42nd Avenue in the Hollywood District. This is always a highlight of the day for socializing after the parade. Get there early enough and try to park near this location so you are close to your car when you leave the get together.



Spirit Mountain Casino

Grand Floral Parade

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018

Location: Memorial Coliseum to
Downtown Portland

Time: 10:00 AM

Parade Length: 4.2 Miles

Televised Live: 10:00 AM (Fox 12)

Dress: Dress whites with hats, gloves capes. Ladies wear pants. (Greens with white pants acceptable if you don't have a white uniform.)

- Please carry a cell phone with Parade Chair Neal Brown's Cell: 503-501-7614
- Please carry your Photo ID & Emergency Information Card.

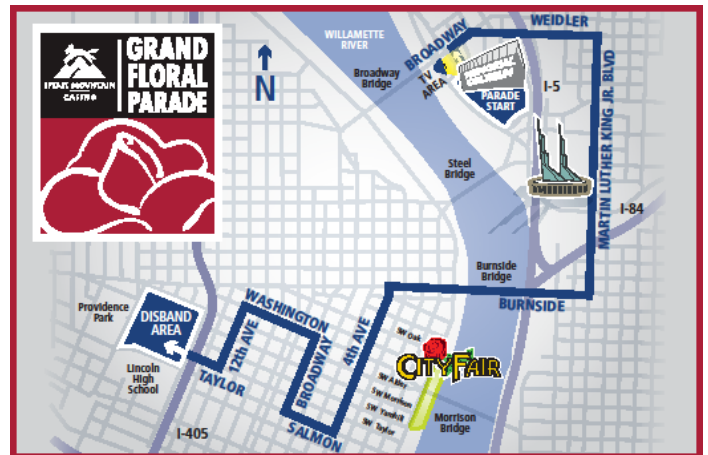
Arrival Time:

...7:30 AM – Coronation Escorts (inside the Memorial Coliseum lower banquet room).

...9:00 AM – Float Marshals & Marching Unit (Covered parking lot by the SE Entrance of the Memorial Coliseum). Check-in for Rosarians marshaling parade units will be at this location. Please park early where you won't be towed or better yet: ride the MAX Train from the hotel or your home to the Moda Center (there is a fare). Allow yourself plenty of time, as trains fill to maximum capacity early in their routes.

Logistics:

...Marching Unit – Assembles at the check-in location (Covered parking lot by the SE Entrance to the Memorial Coliseum).



Float Escorts – Floats are queued up along NE Interstate Avenue on each side of the Tri-Met MAX Light Rail.

The “Green Machine” for those riding during the parade ques up with the double-decker red buses adjacent to the parking garage. The Green Machine vehicle use is donated by the Beach House Restaurant and Bar located in Battle Ground, Washington. Your driver will be Veronica Mirehouse. Riders, please thank Veronica! She and her husband will join us at the post-parade hospitality suite.

Post Parade:

The MAX Train is a convenient way to return to the hotel (Lloyd Center) or your home. **You will hear from many sources that riding Tri-Met is free on Parade Day, but Tri-Met confirms that riders pay to ride that day.** Let's set the example on this, as we are the official ambassadors of the city. If you qualify, there is a very affordable senior citizen rate. You can buy tickets days ahead and activate them the day you use them, which avoids the ticket lines.