



51st Annual Apple Harvest Festival Parade
"Bushels of Family Fun"
Sunday October 6th, 2019
(Rain Date Sunday October 13th, 2019)

PARADE INFORMATION- PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP!

Forming of the Parade – FLOATS/VEHICLES

Use the Drop Area identified in the email (to follow) to determine where your unit should line up. The time of your arrival will also be noted in the email. You must bring that email with you either electronically or hard copy to enter! There is a very small window to allow for entrance so **please arrive at your scheduled time! If you have not arrived by the time the staging entrances close, you will not be allowed in.** Parade Officials will be stationed within each Drop Area to line you up according to your position, and will notify you when to proceed in the parade. **You will be given a numbered card when you arrive. A Parade Official will collect from you when it is time to proceed.**

All marchers (not riding on floats) will walk behind the group's float. Marchers should report to area where their float is located within the designated Drop Location. Drop Location A will enter their vehicle/float at the intersection of South Main Street and Summer Street. Drop Location B will enter their vehicle/float at the intersection of South Main Street and Church Street. If you need assistance on parade day, please look for staff volunteers wearing Apple Harvest Parade safety green (bright) t-shirts.

Shuttle Bus Pick-Up Area (Parade Participants Only)

Shuttle buses will be available from the following areas:

Shuttle A– Parking lot of Kennedy Middle School (1071 South Main Street, Plantsville/Route 10).

Shuttle B – Commuter parking lot at the intersection of Mulberry Street and South Main Street/Route 10 in Plantsville.

*****BOTH SHUTTLES WILL DROP OFF AT PLANTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*****

****Shuttle buses will run to the parade staging area from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM****

****ONLY SHUTTLE BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DROP OFF AREAS****

*****NO PERSONAL VEHICLES OR ANY OTHER VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DROP OFF AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE PARADE*****

All marchers should plan to arrive by shuttle bus if possible. Other drop off vehicles will be turned away. You may walk in on your own but must be dropped off at a point away from the shuttle bus drop off area.

Shuttle buses will be at the St. Thomas Church for pick up to go back to Kennedy Middle School and the Commuter Lot at the end of the parade and for an additional hour beyond parade completion.

Parade Spacing

There will be short intervals of space between units. Parade Officials will ensure these intervals are maintained. **It is very important to keep your spacing and to keep your unit moving!** Units that cannot keep up with the parade will be asked to drop out and finish at the end of the parade. In the event a vehicle becomes disabled, every effort should be made to move the vehicle off the road to allow the rest of the parade to continue.

Reviewing Stand

The parade reviewing stand will be located just south of the Town Green on Main Street in front of the Elks Lodge. Distinguished guests will review the parade as it passes, and the parade emcee will announce your unit based on the written description you provided.

Parade Ending

After passing the reviewing stand, the parade will end after turning right onto Eden Ave. All units MUST turn right on Eden Ave. Floats and marchers will turn left on Eden Place and continue into the parking lot of St. Thomas Church/School. Vehicles may continue to Liberty Street but will ONLY be allowed to turn right onto Liberty.

Shuttle buses will be available to travel back to the pre-parade pick up areas. Parents may also pick up marchers at St. Thomas School/Church. ABSOLUTELY NO pick-ups on Eden Ave! Shuttles will remain available up until one hour after the final parade unit passes the reviewing stand.

Safety Procedures

In the event that an emergency vehicle must pass through the line of marchers, units must halt immediately, move to the RIGHT side of the road and wait for a signal from the Parade Officials to resume marching.

FOR SAFETY REASONS, UNITS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO THROW OR HAND OUT ANYTHING TO PARADE ON-LOOKERS. Violators will be removed immediately by the Southington Police Department, and disqualified from future parades.

No unsecured chairs will be allowed on any floats. Chairs must be secured with chains (no tape, rope or other material allowed). NO standing allowed on any floats/flatbeds that do not have sides.

A First Aid station is maintained next to the Town Green. On parade day there will be extra EMT personnel located along the parade route.

Inclement Weather

In case of extreme weather, a decision will be made by 9:30am on the day of the parade. If you are unsure of the parade status, you can call the Festival info line at 860-276-8461 or visit Southington.org and click on the Apple Harvest button which will take you to the Festival's main webpage for information.

Thank you for participating in the 51st Apple Harvest Parade. We hope it will be a fun event for everyone! For parade day questions or issues, please call Heidi Lamberto at 860-877-2842 or Tony Lamberto 860-877-3210.