

87th ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE BULLETIN

Monday, September 1, 2025

10 A.M. - Parade Step Off

Please read information thoroughly and forward to your unit!

General Information

The Labor Day Parade will be held rain or shine. If severe weather conditions exist or are expected, check the City's Website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov for information.

Accommodations

Restrooms are located in the Aquatic Center at Gaithersburg Middle School. Water stations are located in each zone (red, blue & yellow) along E. Diamond and at Russell Ave at the end of the parade. Porta-Johns are located parking lot at Girard Ave and E. Diamond; Community Museum at E. Diamond and Summit Ave and Station 8 Fire House Museum at Russell and E. Diamond Aves.

Line-Up Time

Parade line-up has three-color zones, each with its own line-up information. Locate your line-up number, time and zone color on the PARADE LINEUP SHEET. Unit members should report directly to their zone at the time assigned. **City staff will be available to assist you.**

Shuttle Buses

There is a limited amount of parking available in your line-up area, see map for directions to the lineup area. To make things easier, we recommend carpooling or using the shuttle bus service from the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (501 Perry Parkway), which runs from 8 to 9:30 a.m. This will take you to Gaithersburg Middle School near your line-up area. Proceed to the path at the Youth Center which will take you to E. Diamond Ave and staff will **direct you**. **PLEASE DO NOT ASK THE DRIVERS TO DROP OFF AT ANOTHER LOCATION OTHER THAN THEIR DESIGNATED STOPS.**

Line-Up Zone Locations

RED ZONE begins at Melvin Avenue, **BLUE ZONE** is located at the 400 block of E. Diamond Ave, **YELLOW ZONE** is in the Girard Business Center behind Diamond Deli, and **BAND AREA** is at Gaithersburg Middle School entrance off Teacher's Way. Designated parking spaces (limited) are available in each zone. Therefore, shuttle buses are provided from Lakeforest Mall to a drop off near your zone.

Vehicles Driving in the Parade

All parade vehicles must **display or have in the vehicle a vehicle permit that's required to enter the parade route**.

Viewing Stand Information

ALL PERFORMING UNITS MUST MOVE FORWARD ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. NO STOPPING ALONG ROUTE TO PERFORM OR YOUR FUTURE PARTICIPATION MAY BE DENIED.

End of Parade

Return buses will pick up at Odendhal and Russell Avenues for drop offs at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg Elementary School and Gaithersburg Middle School and return for the next group.

Participation in the parade by groups or organizations other than that of City of Gaithersburg officials, departments, or committees does not constitute City of Gaithersburg endorsement.

No SMOKING AND VAPING ON CITY PROPERTY (Effective Jan. 1, 2017)