

WESTERN WELCOME WEEK GRAND PARADE

Saturday, August 17, 2024



Dear WWW Parade Participant:

On behalf of the Western Welcome Week Grand Parade Committee and Grand Parade Sponsors - Bradford Auto Body, Inc., Lang Investment Group, Redstone Bank, and John Elway Dealership Group, we want to welcome you to the 96th Western Welcome Week celebration and confirm your entry in the WWW Grand Parade “*Celebrate the Arts!*”.

The Grand Parade route is one mile long, beginning at Gallup Street and Littleton Boulevard, west on Littleton Boulevard through downtown Littleton, turning south on Rapp Street and ending at Arapahoe Community College for disbanding. Please see the attached map and other directions. **Parking is limited at the parade staging.** Buses will be circulating from Arapahoe Community College to the parade staging beginning at 8am and ending at 9:15am they will then be available after the parade at Arapahoe Community College to take people back to the staging area to their vehicles if needed.

Staging will begin at 8am - **last check in is at 9:30am.** If you are in a group, please tell your people to meet at a designated spot and assign one person to check in. Then you can all proceed to your assigned spot in the parade. The enclosed map and directions will help you determine the best way to plan your arrival and meeting place. Please keep in mind there is minimal parking at the staging area.

You will receive your entry number and place of staging at the check-in station, located Gallup and Library Lane. We regret that we cannot give out position numbers before hand, but last-minute changes prevent us from doing so. Also, we wish we could put everyone in the front of the parade, but unfortunately, that’s not possible. Please be understanding of your position in the parade, and of our efforts to mix entries for a fun and interesting parade. We would appreciate it if you would not call the Western Welcome Week office and request your parade number. Thank you!

At approximately 9:15am you will be contacted by a parade official that will direct your unit to its parade position, if you haven’t already been positioned. **Please maintain at least 15 feet between parade entries** - kind of like tail gating, please don’t do it. There will be Parade Marshals along the parade route to assist you in keeping proper spacing along the route and ensure that nothing is being thrown or handed out from your entry.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MANEUVERS DO NOT SLOW OR IMPEDE THE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE PARADE. Please be aware that the parade proceeds down the North side of Littleton Boulevard. The maximum width of the street between Rio Grand and Rapp Street is 24 feet.

Due to insurance regulations and safety issues, YOU MAY NOT THROW OR HAND OUT ANYTHING DURING THE PARADE OR ON THE PARADE ROUTE. Entries not adhering to this rule could be pulled from the parade. We are expecting 60,000+ spectators to watch the parade and want to make sure that we have a steady paced, safe parade for everyone to enjoy. Destaging will be in the parking lot at Arapahoe Community College, on Church and Santa Fe Drive.

Announcement of winners will be posted at 1pm at the WWW Information Booth located on the NW corner of Main and Nevada Streets. Monetary awards will be mailed out by the end of August. Certificates will be mailed to winners of each parade category.

Plan to join us for fun after the parade. The festivities continue with the Craft Fair, family entertainment stage, food booths, live music at Town Hall Arts Center, and other festivities throughout the afternoon.

Thank you for being a participant in the 94th Western Welcome Week Grand Parade – *Celebrate the Arts!*

See you at the parade!

Michael Giesen & Cathy Weaver - Parade Committee Co-Chairs

WWW GRAND PARADE STAGING

IMPORTANT INFORMATION- PLEASE REVIEW

Registration begins at 8am – **last check in is at 9:30am** - at the southeast corner of Gallup Park, at Parkhill and Gallup. Come early and enjoy the excitement!

Please have one person register to get your line-up position; then meet your people at your pre-designated spot. Staging Marshals will help you find your line-up position on the street.

Last-minute changes in line-up prevent us from giving out position numbers ahead of time

Floats and Vehicles in the Parade - Directions

Coming from the West: Take Santa Fe Drive to Church Street (5900 south by Arapahoe Community College); take Church to Prince and turn right (south); south on Prince to Caley Ave. (6200 south); turn left (east) on Caley and to Gallup - the second stop sign; turn left onto Gallup and proceed north to Parkhill.

Coming from the East: Take Broadway to Caley Ave. (6300 south); turn west on Caley to Gallup, the first stop sign; turn north onto Gallup; or use Ridge Road (approximately 7000 south) and go to Gallup Street; turn right - straight down to Parkhill and Gallup.

Safety Regulations

Maintain at least 15 feet between parade entries. Because of insurance regulations and safety issues, **YOU MAY NOT THROW ANYTHING OR HAND OUT ANYTHING DURING THE PARADE OR ON THE PARADE ROUTE.** Entries not adhering to this rule could be removed from further parade participation. **Please maintain at least 15 feet between entries – don't tailgate!** We are expecting 20,000+ spectators to watch the parade and want to make sure that we have a steady, paced, safe parade for everyone to enjoy.

Unloading parade participants from buses and cars

All buses and cars unloading participants should unload on Datura Street – a block west of Gallup Street. Due to limited parking - it is preferable for groups to park at Arapahoe Community College parking lot at 5900 South Santa Fe Drive and Church (the destaging area) and take one of the Littleton Public School buses that will be circulating from ACC to the parade staging from 8am to 9:30am or carpool over to parking areas along Datura Street or to have someone drop you off and return to ACC for parking. The buses will be available again, to shuttle people back to the parade staging area to their vehicles.

Equestrians

Meet at Arapahoe Community College parking lot at 5900 South Santa Fe Drive and Church Streets (**in the parking lot on the East Side of the low north building on Church Street**). Water will be available there. A police escort will lead equestrian units from ACC to the registration and staging area at 8:30 a.m. Or if you are a smaller equestrian entry and prefer to go directly to the staging area, please use the directions for floats and vehicles.

Water & Sunscreen

It could be a hot dry day. Please plan on bringing water or other fluids to keep everyone in your unit hydrated. Also, bring plenty of sunscreen.

Port-a-lets

Port-a-lets will be positioned along the parade staging area at Gallup and Shepperd, halfway between Littleton Blvd. and Lakeview, on the corner of Gallup and Lakeview, and at the end of the parade route in the ACC parking lot at Church and Rapp.

Western Sandwich Breakfast

The Littleton United Methodist Church Women serve a delicious breakfast sandwich, pecan rolls, and beverages from 6:30am - 10am – on the patio at the northeast side of the church, which is on the corner of Shepperd and Datura (5894 S. Datura St.).