2019 Parade

Last year...WE grew. This year...YOU grew!

Thank goodness we asked for measurements this year because nearly everyone has a float attached! As we approached the 100 mark we started doing some math and we soon discovered that we had better close registration early or we’d have some seriously unhappy people. We have OVER 100 TRACTORS registered!

>>Space is Limited<<

Let’s address how we can all fit in the school parking lot:

- Reverse Traffic Flow at the School
- Only Vehicles Hauling Parade Units are Allowed
- Implement the Use of Off-Site Parking
- Encourage Use of Shuttle Service
- Begin Check-In Earlier
- Some Units Will Be Asked to Arrive Early
- Non-Registered Units Will Be Turned Away

>>Check Out Our Google Map<<
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PARADE DETAILS

STAGING AREA AND CHECK-IN
Conneaut Area Senior High School
302 West School Drive | Linesville, PA
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Check-In
5:15 PM Driver’s Meeting Inside School
6 PM Parade Starts

PARADE ROUTE
From CASH, West Along Erie Street
Until the Intersection with Beach Street

OFF SITE PARKING
West of Town: The End of the Road
South of Town: The Old PennDOT Lot*
East of Town: MFG Tray Parking Lot*
(park towards the rear of the lot)

*Indicates Shuttle Service Available
(The Spillway Lot’s Shuttle Service takes you downtown and then you’ll have to walk to the next shuttle stop that will take you to the school.)

SHUTTLE SERVICE
2 PM to 5:30 PM
End of Parade Until 9 PM

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FOLKS WHO MADE THE MAGIC HAPPEN!

Other Magic Makers: Anderson Coach and Travel, PNC Bank, Rebecca’s Restaurant, Big G’s Portable Toilets, Linesville VFW, Meadville Medical Center, Twin Pies, Marquette Savings Bank, “The Lady Auctioneer,” Tammy Loucks, Bair’s Corvettes, Pymatuning Sportsman’s Club, Armstrong Cable, Farm & Dairy
SCHOOL TRAFFIC PATTERN IS REVERSED
We had to get creative to get everyone into the parking lots and this is probably our MOST creative change.

The Entrance is now the Exit. The former entrance is where we are starting the parade line up. If you’re among the first 13 units of the parade then you’ll be asked to arrive early.

The area formerly known as the exit has two lanes of travel which we will put to use in this fashion: One lane is for Parade Units (vehicles hauling tractors or towing parade units) and all other vehicles will use the other lane.

PLEASE NOTE: All traffic at the school will be one way.

SUPPORT UNITS AND DROP-OFF LANE
The non-parade unit lane is for you to drop-off items that you need for your parade unit: lights, generators, people.... It is not a parking area. It is a “stop and drop” area.

Curbside Assistance: We have a team of folks who will be in UTVs. These folks will be able to take you and your items to your parade unit and return you to your vehicle. You’ll then exit the area by turning onto Water Street. From there, turn right and head to the Baptist Church. Catch a shuttle back to the School.

INSIDER TIP: The Baptist Church will be opened up to Parade Participants! They’ll have hot cocoa and cookies for you and their bathrooms will be available. Sweet!

OFF-SITE PARKING FOR TRUCKS & TRAILERS
There are several parking lots on the outside of town that we are able to put to use for Tractor Parade Trucks and Trailers.

There’s a nice benefit to using off-site parking for those locations to the West and South of the school: You get reunited with your truck and trailer faster than if you had to use the school. What?! I know! It’s awesome.

West Side of Town: End of the Road
If you’re familiar with the area, then we encourage you to park your truck and trailer at the End of the Road and then drive your tractor to the school. The End of the Road is a swimming/beach/boating area right along Pymatuning Lake.

Here’s a bonus for you: at the end of the parade, you’ll be able to drive straight (don’t make the turn with us onto Beach Street) and you’ll be headed to your truck and trailer and won’t be involved in the heavily congested areas of town and at the school.

South of Town: The Old PennDOT Lot
As you cross over the spillway on your way into town you’ll see the PA Fish & Boat Commission’s Fish Hatchery. RIGHT ACROSS THE ROAD from their driveway is a lovely, flat, gravel parking lot. This used to be a stock-pile for PennDOT.

Here’s the bonus for you: on our return route, we will turn right onto South Mercer Street and then we’ll turn left onto South Pymatuning Street. But...not you! You keep going south on South Mercer Street and you’ll be at your truck and trailer in a jiffy! We even supply lighting for you in the parking lot.
(Shuttle Service Available...you will have to do a bit of hiking and take two shuttles. This will be explained in the SHUTTLE SERVICE section.)

East of Town: MFG Tray Parking Lot
We have a limited amount of spaces available in the rear of the parking lot at MFG Tray.

Your bonus is that you will avoid the congestion at the school. (Shuttle Service is available.)

Super Secret Parking: Just kidding! (not really)
We have been given the use of some non-advertised parking areas and will be in touch with you if we can get you shuffled in that direction. (Shuttle Service is nearby.)
SHUTTLE SERVICE
There are two shuttle routes available. The buses begin at 2PM and will continue until about 5:45 PM. (Try to make sure you’re at the school by 5:30 PM.)

East Side of Town
This route loops between the school, a spot downtown near Stefanelli’s chocolates, Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, the Baptist Church, and MFG Tray.

South Side of Town
This route loops between the Spillway Parking Lot, the PennDOT Lot, St. Philip Church, and the downtown drop-off at Bair’s Corvettes.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are parked at the PennDOT Lot or the Spillway, you will exit the bus at Bair’s Corvettes, walk to Erie Street, turn right and walk towards the school, and (if you’d like) catch the shuttle bus at the intersection of East Erie Street and Water Street.

CHECK-IN HOURS
Check-In will begin at 1 PM. All units are to be at the school no later than 4 PM.

CHECK IN AREA: Our volunteer staff will be stationed at the driveway as you approach the High School. Please give tell them your UNIT NUMBER or the name of your DRIVER. They’ll hand you your unit number and then direct you to your next destination.

THESE FOLKS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY
As we mentioned earlier, units 1-13 have been asked to arrive early. (We’re trying something new and we need your help to make the magic happen!)

The following unit numbers are asked to arrive between 1 PM and 1:30 PM: 14, 15, 21, 35, 46, 47, 66

If this next group could be on-site by 2 PM... you’d make life easier for everyone: 18, 25, 36, 38, 48, 50, 67, 68

Our last set of special requests are for units 26, 28, 29, 40, 41, 42, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 71, 72, 73. Please be at the school no later than 2:30 PM.

SPECIAL FOLKS
Unit #1: Linesville Legion Riders...you’re opening our parade!
Unit #4: Active Aging. You’ll be joining us after we reach Erie Street.
Unit #75: Robert Hanna. Your unit has a reserved spot. Check with Chad and he’ll get you the info that you need. 814-282-4155.
Unit #84: Blake Horne. Your parade buddy has grown from 15’ to 60’ so he’s being moved to the street and you’re joining him. Lucky you!
Unit #85: Justin Kantz. Holy cats! You’ve grown so much since last year that we’ve moved you out to the street in front of the school. You’ll see an area “reserved” for you and your buddy Blake.
Unit #106: Chester Collins. You’re closing the parade!

YOU MAY NEED TO MOVE YOUR UNIT A FEW TIMES BEFORE THE PARADE STARTS
You’ll arrive at the school and then one or two or three of the following may happen to you:
♦ You’ll be directed to a parking lot to unload and it’s possible that you may need to move your truck to another location
♦ You’ll be directed to an staging area where you’ll temporarily be located
♦ You’ll be directed to a line up location

THE LINE UP WON’T NECESSARILY BE IN NUMERICAL ORDER
I mentioned earlier that we had to get creative. So, you’ll witness that creativity on Saturday. We have an area with units grouped up together that will be introduced into the parade line up as the parade passes by their parking lot.

That means that you need to pay attention to the unit numbers. If the person in front of you isn’t the number you’d expect then someone will be entering the parade ahead of you.
NON-REGISTERED UNITS WILL BE REFUSED
We’re blessed with the problem of having such a sweet parade that we’ve run out of room. It’s an awesome problem to have.

OTHER INFORMATION
LARGE GROUPS
Please make sure that your group members know your unit number.
Option A: Carpool to the Baptist Church and catch a shuttle to the school.
Option B: Carpool to the little league field and walk up to the school (your group will be able to exit the parade when we turn onto Beach Street)
Option C: Meet at the End of the Road and carpool up to the little league field....

Be at the school no later than 5:30 PM.

There’s a lot to do in town and lots of great food available so feel free to explore Linesville before and after the parade.

In case you didn’t catch the theme above...
We Need You to Carpool.

Paperwork: You’ll receive a bit of information and a waiver/liability form (if you don’t already have one). ALL PERSONS in your unit MUST SIGN the waiver/liability form. This document is to be returned to the Check-In Booth.

For your convenience, the waiver/liability form is on the website and paper copies will be available with the greeters.

Registration: All units must have one representative visit the Registration Table between 2 PM and 4 PM. Registration is located inside the school. Bring your completed waiver form, your driver w/ valid license, and review your entry information.

Unit Numbers: You’ll receive the number upon reaching Check-In. We will provide zip ties for you.

Line Up: Our staff will begin lining up the parade units as early as possible. 4:00 PM is the official start of line up but if you’re one of the numbers that we listed as an early arriver and you’re on-site...we’ll put you in line!

You can add finishing touches once you’re in the official line up—but it’s unlikely that your support vehicle will no be nearby. Have your unit ready before you head to the Driver’s Meeting at 5:15 PM.

Driver’s Meeting: All drivers are to report to the School Gymnasium at 5:15 PM for a safety meeting. Please note: the number of persons allowed on your tractor is limited to the number of seats available. (We appreciate creativity; but let’s limit the definition of a seat to what the manufacturer has installed.)

6 PM Starting Time: We’re starting at 6 PM.

Return Route Change: We have implemented a new return route to help ensure the safety of our participants and our spectators. Instead of turning right and heading around the ball field at the end of the parade...we’ll be turning left. Our route will parallel Erie Street for a bit and then we’ll make the trip back to the High School.

Groups with Children: Keep your kiddos safe before, during, and after the parade. Be vigilant with the tractors. Be illuminated. Stay with your group. Adults: keep a headcount and know where your kids are. Have enough responsible adults to supervise your kids. Safety first!

Other Important Information
Parade Flow: Maintain your starting distance between units and keep moving slowly forward.

Folks Walking in the Parade: You MUST be illuminated in some form or fashion. Keep yourself safe.

Weather: Should heavy snow/ice may shut us down so keep an eye on our Facebook page (Linesville Tractor Parade). All updates can be found there.

Candy: You may hand out candy. No throwing!

Portable Toilets: Available at the High School and in town.

More Information:
Visit www.linesvilletractorparade.com
Facebook: Linesville Tractor Parade
You can message us on Facebook

Let’s Make the Magic Happen!