



VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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2023 Plainfield Community Homecoming Parade

Plainfield, Illinois – The 71st Annual Plainfield Community Homecoming Parade is Saturday, September 30th, 2023. Safety is the community's top priority and the Village of Plainfield, Plainfield Fire Protection District, and Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 have worked together to ensure this year's Homecoming Parade is a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

Over the last several years, our country has witnessed numerous acts of violence at public events, including parades. We take these events seriously and have been preparing to put on a safe and successful Homecoming Parade, which has been one of the largest in Illinois for many years. There will be a marked increase in police presence at this year's parade. We urge all community members that plan to participate and attend to have age-appropriate discussions at home related to personal safety in large crowds.

As with every Homecoming Parade, the event will cause traffic congestion and delays in and around Downtown Plainfield and Plainfield High School – Central Campus (PHSCC). Traffic lanes on Route 59 or Route 126 **will not** be closed, however, motorists should be advised that traffic congestion and delays are expected. All roads are expected to reopen by 11:30 a.m. Unless participating in or viewing the parade, motorists are asked to avoid the downtown area on Saturday morning.

Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30th:

- Police will begin closing James Street between Commercial Street and Fort Beggs Drive. PHSCC and Fort Beggs Drive will be restricted to parade entries only.



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- At approximately 8:30 a.m., the police department will close the following roadways:
 - Lockport Street from Route 59 to James Street.
 - James Street from Lockport Street to Fort Beggs Drive.
 - Ottawa Street from James Street to Route 59.
 - Fox River Street from Lockport Street to Commercial Street.
 - Des Plaines Street from the alley north of Lockport Street to Commercial Street.
 - Illinois Street from Lockport Street to Commercial Street.
 - Commercial Street from James Street to Route 59.
 - Fort Beggs Drive from James Street to Pratt Lane.

Parade staging and lineup has been designated at the following locations:

- **Band Drop-off (Buses)**
 - Plainfield Central High School, northeast lot. Enter from eastbound Fort Beggs Drive via River Road.
- **Youth Sports Clubs**
 - Staging will be on James Street. Participants should plan to meet at a designated location and walk to their assigned location on James Street. A limited number of pedestrians can be dropped off in front of PHSCC via Fort Beggs Drive. All traffic **MUST** come from River Road northbound to eastbound Fort Beggs Drive.
 - Overflow parking, if applicable, will be assigned to the north parking lot of PHSCC.
- **Homecoming Court, Escort Vehicles, Designated VIPs**
 - Staging in the parking lot north of the football field
- **All other parade entries**
 - Access James Street via northbound River Road. You will receive your assignment at the corner of Fort Beggs Drive and James Street.



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The Parade will step off from Plainfield Central High School at 9:00 a.m. It will travel north on James Street to Commercial Street; east on Commercial Street to Illinois Street; north on Illinois Street to Ottawa Street; west on Ottawa Street to Fox River Street; north on Fox River Street to Chicago Street; east on Chicago Street to Illinois Street; north on Illinois Street to Lockport Street; west on Lockport Street to James Street; and south on James Street, ending at James Street and Commercial Street. At the conclusion of the parade, band/bus pickup will be in the northeast parking lot of PHSCC. Parade float entries can either exit the area via southbound River Road or eastbound Fort Beggs Drive, or end in the south parking lot along Fort Beggs Drive. All walkers from the parade should be picked up at Greg Bott Park (formerly Renwick Community Park), located at 24550 West Renwick Road in Plainfield.

A limited amount of **Handicapped Parking** will be available in the Illinois Street Municipal Parking Lot, the Des Plaines Street municipal parking lot, and on the west side of Des Plaines Street between Route 126 and Oak Street.

No parking will be permitted along the parade route beginning at 1:00 am on September 30th, until the conclusion of the parade.

Any questions related to the Homecoming Parade, road closures, parade route/staging, or parking restrictions can be directed to Commander Anthony Novak at (815) 267-7234.

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