



April 9, 2016



W Pioneer @ 12th

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New in

2016: Due to heavy winter rain, the horse staging area has moved from Silver Parking Lot to 9th Ave SW along north side of The Fair between Meridian and 5th Street SW. [ENTER FROM 5TH]

Same as 2015: The Daffodil 5 K Fun Run now begins and ends at The Fair's Gold Gate. You should not be impacted by these volunteers nor these participants this year. [PARK IN GOLD LOT].

The main purpose at this location is to help floats make the turn from 12th Street SW. These vehicles move very slowly, especially when they are turning. **A few floats make a left turn onto West Pioneer and then make a right turn onto 11th Street SW.** The remainder make a right turn onto West Pioneer and then make the left turn from West Pioneer onto 13th Street SW.

Before departing the check-in desk - please take an excel spreadsheet that tells you which floats turn east and which turn west.

1. **LEFT ON PIONEER:** The floats that turn left are all part of the official Daffodil Festival entourage plus the float from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
2. **RIGHT ON PIONEER:** Everyone else should make the right turn on West Pioneer and the left on 13th.
3. **LOST:** **Affi Shrine Float** should have continued traveling east on River Road to 5th Street SW. If they arrive at your location, have them continue EAST on West Pioneer and turn SOUTH onto 5th Street SW at the Young Life Building.
4. **LOST:** **Seattle Seafair Pirates** SHOULD turn right on West Pioneer & LEFT onto 13th Street SW like all other floats. If they do something else, don't be surprised. They show up in the same place each year – totally ignoring the instructions.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MAPLEWOOD

First Christian Church is where parade participants can park.

The best route is right (south) on 11th Street SW and left (east) on 9th Avenue SW.

Where do floats come from?

- A. The plan is that floats will approach Puyallup via River Road. They turn right on 15th Street NW (Toyota of Puyallup), turn left on West Stewart Avenue. They turn right to cross railroad tracks at 12th Street NW (school bus garage).
- B. They should be escorted by Emergency Search & Rescue Volunteers. Not always have these people listened during their briefing. Some have not even looked at the map.
- C. We expect not every float driver will read the instructions. In past years we have heard that parade participants never bother to open their parade package. They don't even know their float number when they arrive in Tacoma. In each city they just do what they did the previous year. Luckily we have no big changes for 2008.
- D. Some floats begin their day in Puyallup. They could come from any direction.
- E. One support vehicle should be traveling with each float, but sometimes you will find two or more. Vehicles carrying the float riders should park at First Christian Church, not in the parade staging area.

What is the plan?

- A. **FESTIVAL:** Some of the earliest units to arrive are the Daffodil Festival entourage. These units should all be directed to turn left on 5th Avenue SW, and then to turn right on 5th Street SW. They will stage on 5th STREET SW.
- B. **PUYALLUP TRIBE:** Units other than the float will stop for a Pow Wow at Chief Leschi School before they come to Puyallup. They arrive by various routes. All will stage on 5th Street SW in front of Meeker School.
- C. **SHRINE:** Affi Shrine. This entry includes 3 to 8 units depending on weather. This group also stops in Tacoma for lunch, before coming to Puyallup. They will line up on 5th Street SW between Pioneer and 4th Avenue SW.
- D. **Horse Units** will stage on 9th Ave SW between Meridian and 5th Street SW along the north side of The Fair.
- E. **NORTH / SOUTH traffic:** 9th St SW, 11th St SW & 13th St SW are open to local traffic. Official detour is via 14th Street SW.