

2024 Plainfield Chamber Quaker Day Parade

Participant Details

Parade Arrival Times

- **Judged Entries** should arrive between 8 – 8:30am. **Judging will begin promptly at 9AM.**
 - Awards will be given prior to the parade, for Best: Performance, Theme, Equestrian, Antique/Classic, Youth, and Chamber Choice (best overall).
- **All other entries may arrive between 8 – 9:30 – DO NOT BE LATE!**
 - Reminder of the ROAD CLOSURE starting at 8:40AM from Vestal to Carr!

Parade Staging & Drop Off Area (refer to maps)

- **VEHICLES & FLOATS IN THE PARADE – use **Duke Energy Gate #1.****
 - Gate # 1 is located behind St Susanna and can be accessed via Dan Jones or the US 40 entry for Meijer.
 - Upon entry into the staging area, you will be met by a volunteer who will guide you to your space.
 - **DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR ENTRY NUMBER IN THE WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE!**
 - **Gate #1 is for participating vehicles ONLY! Please inform everyone in your group that no vehicles will be permitted into the staging area unless that vehicle is in the parade. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **PARTICIPANTS NEEDING TO PARK AND/OR DROP OFF SUPPLIES/PEOPLE – use **Gate #2.****
 - This is the St Susanna parking lot and can be accessed via Dan Jones or the US 40 entrance for Meijer. You will NOT be able to access this lot via the school or church entry. This will be used for exiting only.
 - Parade volunteers will be on hand to direct you to the staging area. Golf carts will be available to shuttle participants and supplies to the staging area.
- **PARTICIPANTS BEING DROPPED OFF ONLY may use **Gate #3****
 - **This entrance will only be used for a QUICK drop off of people ONLY. NO access to St Susanna parking, no parking or supply drop off at this point.**
- The west entrance to the Duke Energy parking lot at Carr Road will be open only to Duke employees and parade volunteers. No parade entries or individuals dropping off items will be allowed past the guard shack.
- **Once you have arrived on the lot, please have one person STAY WITH YOUR UNIT at all times!**

The parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Parade Departure (refer to maps)

- The parade will travel from Duke Energy down US 40 and will turn left on Vestal Road by McDonalds. It will travel down the hill ending at the soccer field parking area at the Al & Jan Barker Athletic Complex.
- Those picking up parade participants may park in the parking area closest to Sugar Creek Rd. You will need to enter and exit via the back drive, Vestal Rd. to Sugar Grove Rd.
- We will not have buses available for transport back to Duke Energy. You will need to have your own transportation back to Duke Energy arranged.

Prior to Parade direct questions to 317-839-3800 or email chamber@plainfield-in.com

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Rules, Regulations and Candy Details

- We must have your completed, signed entry form **and a copy of your insurance (for vehicles only)** on-file, or you will not be allowed to participate. PLUS, all drivers must possess a valid driver's license.
- This is a "G-Rated" family event. All entries and signs should reflect such.
- **IF YOU WILL HANDING OUT CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS, please have members of your entry dispense items close to the curbs, to keep observers (especially small children) out of the parade route, away from vehicles.**
- No alcohol is allowed on any float/vehicle at any time. No smoking allowed on or near floats/vehicles
- Emergency exit accessibility must be available on all floats/vehicles.
- All units carrying people must be equipped with adequate restraining devices (body harness, protective railings) capable of stopping anyone falling from the unit.
 - **Participants should AVOID STANDING in the back of pick-up trucks or floats.**
 - Participants must not sit on vehicle hoods/trunks or equipment that is not intended for that purpose.
- Parade units must maintain a forward motion and keep pace throughout the parade route. Performances must take place while moving, unless an exception is granted by the Parade Committee. This will be strictly enforced.
- **All children that participate in the parade must have direct adult supervision while in a car, on a float or walking in the street.**
- Vehicles and Floats must remain in the MIDDLE of the road, along the double yellow lines.
 - Walkers should stay on the outside lanes, near the white lines on either side of the vehicle.
- **All Animal Entries must include a grounds person to provide immediate clean-up for the animals in the unit.** Failure to do so **WILL RESULT IN FINES** from the Town of Plainfield.
- Parade Committee has the right to remove any float/vehicle/participant, at any time, based on their assessment relating to safety and security concerns, interference with the progress of the parade, or any other reason that is deemed appropriate.
- **Please note this is a rain or shine event and we are unable to reschedule this event.**
 - *Should severe weather be imminent, we will delay the parade start and ask all participants to return to their vehicles or retreat inside St Susanna Church or Duke Energy until the weather has passed.*

CANDY DETAILS & GUIDELINES - Passing out candy is optional, but if you do, please do the following:

- Closely monitor the dispensing of candy or any other items that may entice observers (especially small children) onto the parade route.
- **Please have members of your entry dispense items safely on the sidelines, outside the white lines of the road safely away from all vehicles.**

See next page for a handy guide from one of our annual parade entries for passing out candy!

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Candy Distribution Guidelines for Parade Participants

Objective: Ensure candy is distributed evenly along the parade route, with enough saved for the end.

Quantity: What you buy depends on your budget. For our purpose, here is our sample candy purchase.

- 6 jumbo bags of Tootsie Rolls
- 2 10lb bags of Starbursts
- 4 5lb bags of Smarties
- 2 large bags of Dum Dums

Preparation and Distribution:

Bagging: Divide the candy into distribution bags based on the following route segments:

Note: *The majority of people are within Segments 1 and 2. Divide candy accordingly.*

Segment 1: Duke Energy - Shaw Street (Hampton Gentry Funeral Home sign)

- 8 bags (4 on each side of the street)

Segment 2: Shaw Street - Center Street (Shirt Tales/Gear Up)

- 8 bags (4 on each side of the street)

Segment 3: Center Street - Vestal Road (end of parade route)

- 6 bags (3 on each side of the street)