

Hello Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade Acts!

We are thrilled that you are participating in the 75th Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Elm Grove Junior Guild and American Legion 449! The theme for the 2023 Memorial Day Parade is - In memory of the fallen.

Thank you for reviewing the important information included below before Parade Day that includes; parade instructions, parade route, and parade vehicle pass.

Parade Date: Monday, May 29, 2023

Parade Start Time: 10:30 am

Reporting Time: 8:45 am -9:00 am - **Streets will close beginning at 9:15 and you will be unable to get through after that time. NEW THIS YEAR: ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE FIRM AS THERE WILL BE ADDED SECURITY ON THE ROUTE.**

Reporting Location: Elm Grove Village Park, 13600 Juneau Blvd, Elm Grove, WI 53122

Drop off Locations: All drop offs before the parade will be at Elm Grove Park. *All acts & participants must arrive at the park on Legion Drive from the north.* Vehicles will not be able to enter the park from Juneau Blvd. Please make sure this detail is shared with parents who are dropping off youth performers. There are two drop off locations at the park.

- **The first location** is at the footbridge located at the intersection of Legion and Elmhurst. There will be a large "DROP OFF HERE" sign and Junior Guild Volunteers in neon safety vests to help direct you or your child to the appropriate staging area. This is a great place to drop off young parade participants! **There is NO PARKING or PROLONGED STOPPING near the footbridge.**
- **The second location** is at the flagpole outside of the Village Hall building. Please access this location through the main park entrance off of Legion. **Only vehicles participating in the parade will be allowed to drive past the flagpole. "Vehicles will not be allowed to park or be left unattended. Parade participants will exit the vehicle and vehicles will be required to exit the area immediately".** All non-parade vehicles will be asked to drop off their parade participants and then be directed to exit the Village Hall parking lot and head westbound on Juneau. Please be in contact if your act will require special parking or staging needs.

Parade Vehicle Pass: Vehicles participating in the parade (Parade Vehicles) should put the attached Vehicle Pass in their windows on Parade Day. Parade Vehicles will stop at Flag Pole in front of Village Hall for their staging lot assignment.

Parking: As in previous years, the 1.2 mile parade route will begin at Elm Grove Park and end at the intersection of Elm Grove Road & Wall Street. We ask that all vehicle units continue South on Elm Grove Road to Bluemound - **do not take a left onto Wall Street unless you are assisting or picking up foot traffic participants.** Foot traffic acts proceed East on Wall Street. Unless your vehicle is part of your act, we recommend parking your vehicle at the Park & Shop/Sendik's lot area. This lot will be open and available for parking. By parking here, your vehicle will be at the end of the route for an easy exit. Parking is also available at Saint Mary's Visitation and Tonawanda Elementary School.

Weather: Please be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and have rain gear, sunscreen, comfy shoes, water bottles etc. Parade participants will be waiting in the parade staging area prior to the parade start. Please come prepared! *If there's inclement weather, we will update the Elm Grove Junior Guild Facebook & Instagram accounts with cancellation information. We will also attempt to contact local media outlets.*

REMINDERS:

- PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE A SIGN OR BANNER THAT IDENTIFIES YOUR GROUP TO THE CROWD.
- FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE HAND OUT CANDY/ITEMS TO THE CROWD - **ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING.**
- PLEASE ENSURE THE DRIVERS KEEP THE PARADE MOVING FORWARD EFFICIENTLY. • WE ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE DAY - HONOR OUR VETERANS!