

Directions to the Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade

MANY roads are closed, follow these directions carefully and travel early!

From Metro:

Take the red line to the Silver Spring Metro Station. After exiting on Wayne Avenue, walk two short blocks north to the intersection of Wayne and Georgia Avenue. Turn left, walk one block to Ellsworth Drive, turn onto Ellsworth and walk two blocks to the Town Center line-up garage.

From 495:

Absolutely no entrance to line-up garage for vehicles not traveling in parade!

Take 495 to Colesville Road South (Exit 30B). After approximately 1.5 miles turn left onto Cedar Avenue (which is Spring Street on the other side). ***Then...***

If dropping off participants to continue to parking...

Turn right onto Roeder Road. Drop participants. To exit you ***MUST TURN RIGHT*** onto Fenton Street. (The Police will not let you turn around or turn left. Right turns only.) From Fenton Street turn right onto Colesville Road. We recommend skipping the backup on Cedar and driving another few streets and turning right onto Dale Drive. From Dale turn right onto Wayne Avenue. From Wayne Avenue turn left onto Fenton Street. Once on Fenton Street you drive just past Silver Spring Avenue and there is an entrance to the parking garage off of Fenton Street.

If your vehicle is in the parade in Sections A-G...

The Town Center LINE-UP garage can be accessed by turning right onto Ellsworth Drive.

- **Section A** is on the 1st Floor - line-up by 8:15am
- **Section B** is on the 2nd Floor - [line-up by 8:15am
- **Section C** is on the 3rd Floor - line-up by 8:30am
- **Section D** is on the 4th Floor - line-up by 8:30am
- **Section E** is on the 5th Floor - line-up by 8:45am
- **Section F** is on the 6th Floor - line-up by 9:00am
- **Section G** is on the 7th Floor - line-up by 9:00am

If your vehicle is in Section H...

- **Section H** is in the right hand curb lane of Cedar Drive - line-up by 9:00am

Continue past Ellsworth Drive, pulling into the right hand lane of Cedar Drive. Section H is on Cedar Drive, Pershing, or Veterans Place and continues around that block. Follow staff directions/signage about parking in order. *Section H is in this area because your unit is too tall to be in the garage. It is a holding area so that you can be fed into the parade during the correct moment when your unit should enter. You will park in order so that we can cut your group into the parade at the correct moment. Only vehicles are in this section. Your people go line-up in the garage.*

Car Parking:

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN YOU PARK IN TOWN CENTER LINE-UP GARAGE

Use the garage between Silver Spring Avenue and Sligo Avenue (also accessible by Fenton St.) This is at the end of the parade route so you will be back at your car as the parade ends. Walk to Town Center Line-Up garage.

Bus Parking:

Follow the drop-off directions above and park at the lot between Thayer Avenue and Silver Spring Avenue. Parade units disband on Silver Spring Avenue and will meet you there.

Parade Route and Dis-banding:

Garage units will be exiting out the entrance ramp and turning right onto Ellsworth. Section H Units will be exiting out to Veterans Place. The parade will merge and begin on Ellsworth Drive. The grandstand will be near the intersection with Fenton Street. The parade continues on Ellsworth turning left onto the North bound lane of Georgia Avenue. The parade ends at Silver Spring Avenue. Participants should turn left onto Silver Spring Avenue and disband to cars.

Parade on Television:

In order to get the entire parade through during tv time, there is NO unauthorized stopping to perform. You MUST follow staff stop & go directions or you will not be asked back. The Parade will broadcast live on Channel 8 and again on Thanksgiving Day. Check your listings to confirm.