

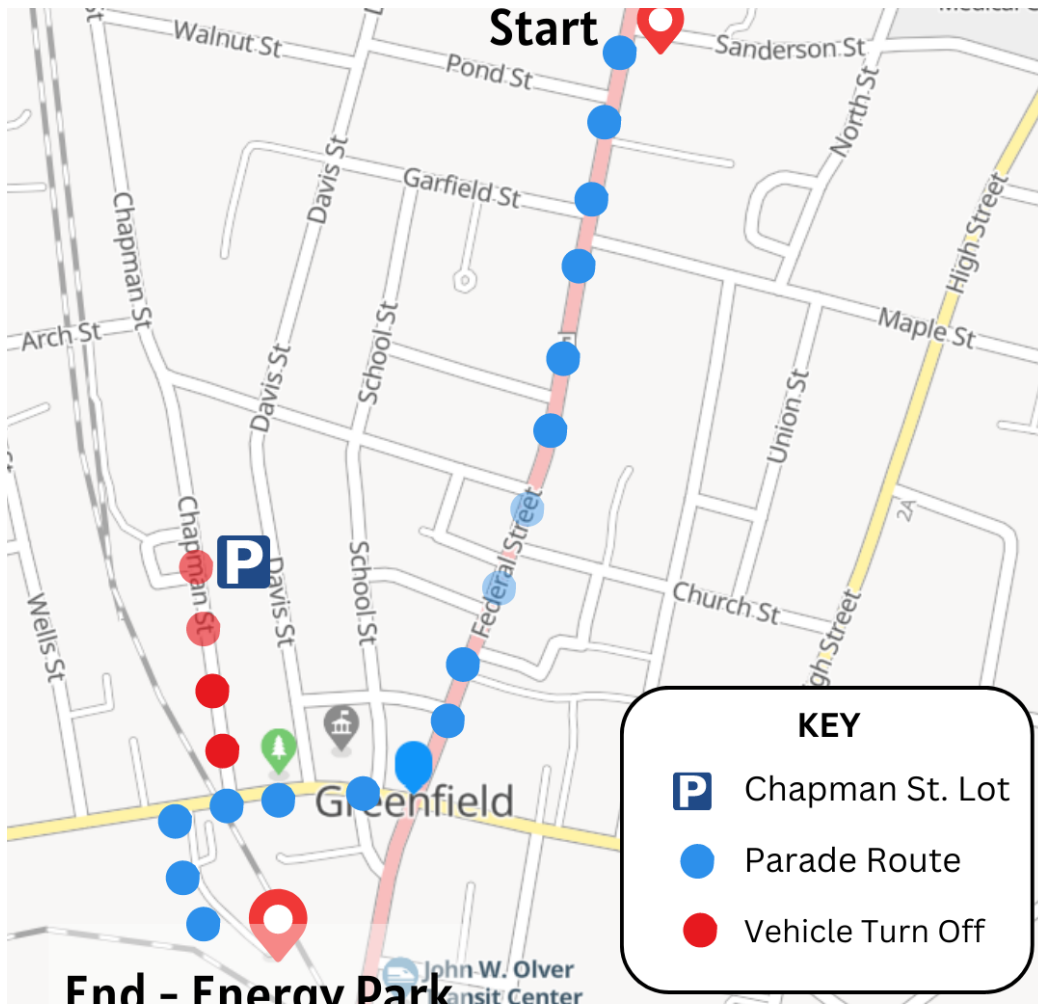
# 2024 FRANKLIN COUNTY PRIDE



# PARADE GUIDELINES

## Franklin County Pride Parade Saturday, June 15

The parade begins at Federal Street & Sanderson Street, adjacent to Greenfield Middle School. Groups will line up along Sanderson Street and North Street. Groups are welcome to line-up as early as 11am and should arrive no later than 11:30am. The parade will begin promptly at 12pm.



## PARKING

Parking is available in the school parking lot, nearby street parking, Chapman Street Lot, and the parking garage. We encourage you to carpool as much as possible.

**Please note: you cannot park in Baystate Hospital's parking lots.**

# VEHICLES & FLOATS

IF you have a vehicle/float in the parade your vehicle will station itself in line according to your group number. At the end of the parade route, all vehicles/floats must turn right down Chapman Street and park in the Chapman Street lot. There will be a street monitor to help guide you.

Vehicles may drop off riders at the top of Miles Street & Main Street for accessibility reasons only. **THIS MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE PARADE COORDINATOR AHEAD OF TIME.**



# PARADE SET-UP & MARCHING

All groups **MUST** line up and follow the group number which they have been assigned at their designated time. Each group **MUST** stay in their assigned section for the duration of its participation in the parade.

Please note: Pride volunteers will be working to make the Pride march a great experience for everyone. The drivers of your vehicles **MUST** follow all instructions given by volunteers and committee members. Not following these instructions could lead to accidents and marching groups will not be permitted to participate in next year's March.

**Throwing Objects: OBJECTS MAY NOT BE THROWN OR TOSSED FROM VEHICLES TO OR AT THE PARTICIPANTS OR SPECTATORS.**

Franklin County Pride assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries caused by such actions.

Campaigning: As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Franklin County Pride does not endorse political candidates or parties. The March welcomes elected officials and candidates for office every year

regardless of party affiliation. POLITICAL FUNDRAISING DURING ANY PRIDE EVENT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.

## **BATHROOMS**

There will be an accessible port-a-john located on Sanderson Street for parade participants to use. Additional bathrooms are also located at Energy Park.

## **WATER & FOOD**

There will be a small amount of snacks and water provided on Sanderson Street at the check-in table. Marchers should bring a water bottle with them and any extra snacks they need.

Additional food (for sale) and water (free) will be available at Energy Park.

## **SAFETY**

The parade route will be closed to outside traffic during the parade and there will be police officers on site directing vehicles. There are also medical personnel onsite. Local peacekeepers will also be onsite during the parade and rally. Peacekeepers will be wearing yellow vests.

Like previous years, we anticipate Franklin County Pride to be a celebratory and safe event. However, disruptions may occur – either unintentionally or intentionally by disruptive person(s). While this may not happen, it is always helpful to be prepared! If you encounter hecklers, we strongly encourage groups to ignore them. Stay calm, friendly and avoid confrontation. Help to set and maintain the tone of the action: positive, non-violent, friendly, helpful, calm. Avoid feeding into the hostile atmosphere that disrupters may attempt to create. Stay cool, calm, and respectful – think about what helps you do this.

## **WHAT SHOULD YOU WEAR/BRING WITH YOU?**

- We recommend wearing shoes/clothes you feel comfortable walking a mile in (the parade route is 0.9 miles).
- Please bring a filled water bottle. Hydration is important! We have refilling stations at the check-in station and in Energy Park
- Signs, decorations, banners, etc. that reflect your group's personality and joy!
- Snacks to keep you going! We will have food at the check-in table and at Energy Park. It's always good to pack more just in case!

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please email Jake Krain, Parade Coordinator, at [parade@franklincountypride.org](mailto:parade@franklincountypride.org)