

Annual Columbus Day Parade Rules of the Road

Participant Instructions & Parade Day Information

➤ It is mandatory that all groups, organizations, floats, and vehicles enter through the designated Parade Entrance Booths on Narragansett Avenue.

➤ **Booth A:** Divisions 1-5

Narragansett Avenue & Ward Avenue

Report by 11:30 AM

➤ **Booth B:** Divisions 6-10

Narragansett Avenue & Bellevue Avenue

Report by 11:30 AM

➤ **All Honored Citizens:** Report to the Westerly High School parking lot located at the start of Division 1 by **12:00 noon**.

➤ Upon arrival at the entrance booth, please identify your group to the Marshal and then proceed to your Division location to meet your Division Marshal.

➤ Drivers of floats, vehicles, and displays should thoroughly review their units for safety prior to the parade and monitor all equipment throughout the route.

➤ There will be **no fundraising or distribution of promotional items** by any car, group, float, or entry. No objects of any kind may be thrown, sprayed, or otherwise distributed to spectators from any entry.

➤ Signs, banners, and displays should generally reflect the celebratory spirit, heritage, and community-focused theme of the parade.

➤ Political candidates and elected officials are welcome to participate. Political signs may be displayed, provided they are limited to **standard yard sign dimensions (approximately 18" x 24")**. Distribution of political pamphlets, campaign literature, buttons, or other promotional materials along the parade route is not permitted.

➤ The Division Marshal shall contact the Parade Chairman to review any signs, banners, displays, or floats that they believe may be inconsistent with the spirit and theme of the parade.

➤ Bands of 25 members or more are to be dropped off at the Vose Street entrance (off Granite Street) to the Westerly High School football field. Bands are encouraged to perform as much music as possible throughout the parade route. Buses may pick up band

members after the parade at Central Baptist Church on Elm Street (approximately 200 yards beyond the finish line).

- **Only individuals affiliated with the registered entry** may participate with any car, group, float, or display.
- All marchers are reminded to remain in formation throughout the parade route.
- In the event first aid is required, please contact your Division Marshal, who will arrange immediate assistance.
- The **Parade Reception** (for parade participants only) will begin after **3:30 PM** at the Calabrese Club, 28 Pleasant Street, Westerly, Rhode Island.
- Please help us keep our parade community-focused and family-friendly. **No candy throwing is permitted.** Candy and other approved items may be handed directly to spectators while walking along the parade route.
- Restroom facilities are available at the Westerly High School Complex and at the Westerly and Pawcatuck Fire Stations.
- Please visit **Columbus Day Parade** for updates, announcements, and any changes to parade information.

Thank you for participating in this years Annual Columbus Day Parade and helping us celebrate the heritage, traditions, and community spirit of Westerly and Stonington.

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