



Driving Directions for Thanksgiving Parade Floats



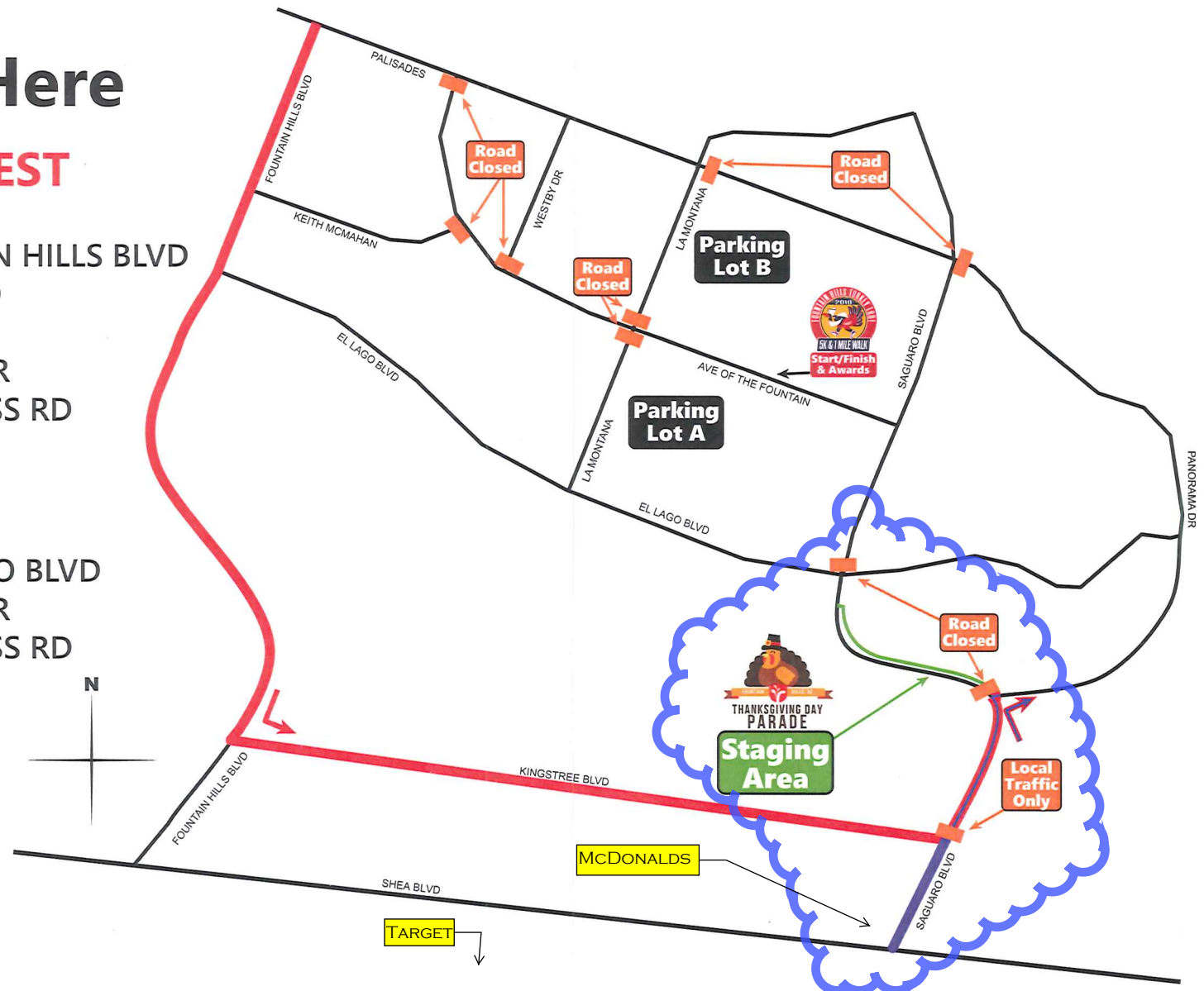
How to Get Here

From NORTH & WEST of the Fountain

- HEAD SOUTH on FOUNTAIN HILLS BLVD
- LEFT onto KINGSTREE BLVD
- LEFT onto SAGUARO BLVD
- RIGHT onto PANORAMA DR
- LEFT onto SAGUARO ACCESS RD

From SOUTH of the Fountain

- HEAD NORTH on SAGUARO BLVD
- RIGHT onto PANORAMA DR
- LEFT onto SAGUARO ACCESS RD



2019 Thanksgiving Day Parade

Information Meeting

Thank you for being a part of the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade! To ensure another wonderful event, please take the following information to your respective parade entries:

- **Staging:** The Town of Fountain Hills is requiring a new staging procedure. We will not be doing the staging like the 2018 parade, or any parades prior to last year. Staging will take place on Saguaro Boulevard. We will be going over staging procedures at all of the info meetings, so it is important to have a representative there.
- **Judging:** Judging of the entries will be made *during* the parade procession as you pass the Judges reviewing stand (*see map for location*). Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: *Best Civic/Business Entry, Best Children's/Church Entry, Best Equestrian Entry, Best Motorized Entry, Best Marching/Walking Entry, and BEST OF PARADE*. Prizes will be mailed to the winners in each category.
 - o NOTE: There will be no long stopping in front of the judges station for performing. This creates a long pause in the parade, and a lot of people think it is over if there is a long gap. If you must stop in front of the judges, please do so for only 20-30 seconds, and then work on closing the gap between you and the entry in front of you ASAP.
- **Timing:**
 - o Streets Close: 7:00 AM
 - o Staging Begins: 7:30 AM
 - o All participants "in their spaces" by 8:30 AM
 - o Parade "steps off" at 9:00 AM sharp!
- **Parade Route:**
 - o The parade will start at the corner of El Lago and Saguaro Boulevards. The parade route goes North on Saguaro past the fountain. The route turns left onto Palisades, and will end once it hits La Montana.

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Thanksgiving Day Parade Rules

1. Children under the age of six years will not be permitted to ride on a parade entry unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Please make sure all parade decorations/themes/etc. are considered to be appropriate and family friendly.
3. Local ordinances do not permit the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of Fountain Hills. ALL GUNS DISPLAYED BY PARADE ENTRIES MUST BE EMPTY!
4. LOCAL SAFETY REGULATIONS DO NOT PERMIT THE THROWING OF ITEMS FROM MOVING ENTRIES. CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED BY PARADE WALKERS ONLY AT CURBSIDE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. SPECTATORS ARE CONFINED TO THE CURBSIDE OR MEDIAN.
5. Cancellations (for any reason) need to notify Paige Lorentzen at the Chamber of Commerce at 480-837-1654 ext 232. Your cooperation is appreciated.
6. Judging of ALL entries will be conducted during the Parade. Judges are located at the intersection of Avenue of the Fountains & Saguaro Blvd.
7. No alcoholic beverages are to be permitted at this event.
11. Entrants should arrive at the staging area by 7:30 AM to locate positions and get lined up.
12. If you have not yet done so, please email your parade script to paige@fountainhillschamber.com by Friday, November 22. Please keep these short!
13. No Excessive Stopping/Performing for judges on parade route. When you take a 1 minute stop to perform for judges, it hauls all of the entries behind you and creates a huge gap in the parade. If you want to stop for the judges, please keep it to 15 seconds maximum.
14. NO FLOATS OTHER THAN THE LAST FLOAT (organized by the Chamber) IS ALLOWED TO HAVE A SANTA CLAUS ON IT. If a Santa is a crucial part to your parade float due to the theme (example: the Grinch dressed up as Santa for 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas', please make sure it does not look like the "official" Santa of the parade, which will be on the very last float as the finale. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

15. Please keep noise to a minimum during staging. We want to be courteous to the neighborhoods in the area and make sure to not be a disturbance.

16. All entries MUST display their line up numbers. This helps the announcers to know what scrip to read (in case of no-shows, cancellations, or entries getting out of number). We will provide you with two line up numbers (at the info meetings), one for each side of your entry.

17. If you have animals in the parade, you are responsible for cleaning up any droppings and doing so promptly.

Questions: Please email paige@fountianhillschamber.com!

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