

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in our annual firemen's parade to be held on **Thursday evening** during our annual carnival. The parade will take place rain or shine.

We are committed to hosting a fun, family oriented parade in which **SAFETY** is our primary concern. PLEASE READ THE **REVISED** PARADE RULES CAREFULLY! LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL, UNSAFE, RECKLESS OR NEGLIGENT BEHAVIOR AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Parade participants may start to line up no earlier than 5:00 p.m. The parade will commence at 6:30 p.m. from Blue Ridge Avenue at East Main Street, and will disband on Boundary Avenue near the carnival grounds. Detailed lineup instructions and a map are listed below.

LINE UP: The lineup order is first come, first served. If your organization has several units and wish to go through the parade together, you **MUST** line up together. **THERE IS NO SAVING OF SPACE IN THE LINEUP.** If you will be arriving separately and need to meet, it is recommended you meet at the Thurmont Elementary School parking lot until all of your units arrive and can enter the line up area together.

PARADE RULES: Please read the rules carefully as they have been revised. A violation of the rules may not only make you ineligible to receive an award, but serious violations may subject you to enforcement action by law enforcement.

If you wish to participate in our parade, simply review all information, and we will see you on Thursday, June 22, 2023. No further action is needed. As always, parade information can be obtained and printed from our website at www.guardianhose.org. If you have any questions, please call Eric Stackhouse at 240-405-9030.

LINE UP INSTRUCTIONS:

General Parade Participants:

Enter Westview Drive from East Main Street (by the Thurmont Police Department. Follow Westview Drive to Woodland Avenue. Turn right onto Woodland Avenue and proceed toward Blue Ridge Avenue. Line up **ONLY ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE** of the roadway and directly behind participants already in line ahead of you. Do not leave empty space in the lineup and pull all the way to the curb or right side of the roadway to permit other traffic to get by.

Majorette and Marching Units:

Enter Summit Avenue from East Main Street (at the Thurmont Middle School). Parking will be available to the rear of the school and on Summit Avenue. Once your group has arrived, proceed into the alley and assemble in the lineup. Your group will be placed into the parade lineup from the alley onto Blue Ridge Avenue.

Mutual Aid Companies **ONLY: (6, 13, 18, 21, and 22)**

Enter Apples Church Road via Carroll Street and line up on the **RIGHT** side of Apples Church Road facing East Main Street.

Dignitaries and Special Guests **ONLY:**

Proceed to Gateway Printing on East Main Street near Apples Church Road. You must provide your own transportation for the parade.

***NOTE:** The dignitary and special guest area is reserved only for those currently holding an official position or elected office. This is **NOT** for those campaigning for a position or office they do not already hold.

