Memorial Day Parade Participating Organizations:

Thank you for participating in this annual community event. The Memorial Day Parade has been a Novi tradition for over 70 years. The 2019 Parade is scheduled for **MONDAY, MAY 27 AT 10 AM**. Please help us continue the tradition of a safe, patriotic event by sharing the following information with all your entry participants.

**Parade Staging Location**

The parade staging area is located on Karim Boulevard just west of Haggerty. Participants must check-in with parade staff at **Area #1 Parade Staging** entrance to receive your staging assignment and any additional parade information.

- **All participants are asked to report to the staging area between 8:30-9:30am.** All participants must be assembled and ready to move no later than 9:40am.
- **Floats and motorized vehicles should report between 8:30-9am for easier access and safety concerns.**

**Area #1 Grand River Avenue at Karim Blvd. Entrance:**

- **Floats**
- **Marching Units (with or without a vehicle)**
- **Specialty Vehicles**

**Parade Safety**

Due to safety concerns, **the throwing of candy from vehicles is strictly prohibited.** This policy was instituted to prevent children from running into the street and in front of parade vehicles.

It is acceptable to safely distribute give-away items. These items must be passed out by hand along the edge or curbs of the road.

**Entry Design Guidelines**

The Memorial Day Parade is held to honor all Veterans who bravely sacrificed and served our country. Please keep this in mind as your organization designs and builds its entry. All entries MUST adhere to the spirit of the parade by having a patriotic theme which honors Veterans and our fallen heroes including the use of American flags.

**No parking is available in or near the Parade staging area.**

Participants have two options:

- Participants can park at the Novi Civic Center and utilize the parade shuttle service. See reverse for details.
- Be dropped off at the Parade Staging Area #1 entrance on Grand River Avenue.

**The Parade concludes with the Memorial Service**

A moving Memorial Service honoring Veterans both living and deceased will be held at the Novi Civic Center immediately following the Parade. The Memorial Service features Mayor Gatt, the Pledge of Allegiance led by local scout troops, a wreath laying, a gun salute and music. A special guest delivers the Memorial Day message. **We encourage your organization to attend this event and help us honor those who have sacrificed and served our nation.**
The Parade Route: Karim Boulevard to Novi Civic Center
The Parade route concludes at the Novi Civic Center. Participants can be picked up in the south parking lot of the Novi Civic Center. Please advise your participants to have their transportation source wait/park in the south-west parking area near the tennis courts. Everyone is welcome to attend the Memorial Service following the Parade.

Inclement Weather
While we are hoping for wonderful weather, the Parade will take place rain or shine, unless conditions are unsafe or unbearable for parade participants. Call the Novi Weather Hotline at (248) 347-0473 between 7-8:30am, if the weather is questionable. Please report to the staging area, if in doubt.

Political Campaigning
As we honor the sacrifice and service of Veterans, no political campaigning is allowed. Entries cannot include political themes, signage, clothing or the distribution of political or campaign literature along the parade route.

Showcasing Community Pride
Help us honor the sacrifice and service of Veterans and build community spirit. Invite the friends and family to come to the Memorial Day Parade and Service to be part of this annual community event.

Parade Shuttle Service • 8-9:30am
All parade participants can get to the staging area using the free shuttle service provided by Novi Transportation. The shuttle service begins at 8am and runs between the Novi Civic Center and parade staging area. Last shuttle departs at 9:30am.

A long time Novi tradition continues...
We are looking forward to a tremendously successful day of events! If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact City of Novi Older Adult Services at (248) 347-0414 or via email:
Karen Kapchonick at kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org.
Sandy Fisher at sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

Thank YOU!
Thank you for taking part in this annual spring time community event and keeping the tradition alive and well. Your organization helps us enrich lives and strengthen the Novi community.

Memorial Day Event Partners:

Thank you for supporting Novi Memorial Day events and showcasing community pride.