

Dear Veterans Day Parade Entry:

Thank you for your interest in Auburn's 49th annual Veterans Day Parade. This letter is your confirmation of acceptance into this event. The parade begins promptly at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014, with staging of entries beginning at 9:30 a.m. Listed below are instructions for the parade. These instructions are in addition to the enclosed parade rules & regulations.

1. **Your assigned staging area is** *E Street SE.*

A map is enclosed for your convenience. One member of your group must check in with the Seafair Parade Marshals between 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **The Parade Marshals will be located at the East Main and "I" Street intersection, #2 on the map.** Many Streets will be closed. Please arrive early to avoid the traffic congestion. A list of street closures and detour routes can be obtained at www.auburnwa.gov/events. PLEASE NOTE – THE STAGING AREA IS RESERVED FOR PARADE STAGING ONLY. We recommend parking at the Auburn Transit Center parking garage at 2nd and A St. SW or utilizing side streets that aren't being used for the parade or parade staging. There is absolutely no parking in the parade staging area. *Please note, K Street NE is under construction. Because of this, your staging location may have changed from previous years.*

2. Your marching order was assigned based on parade protocol for Veterans Day. Officially recognized military and veteran service organizations march at the beginning of the parade followed by veteran organizations, community and scouting groups. Some groups may not begin marching until 12 noon. Therefore, if you have young children, a representative can check in early, having the children report to their assigned staging area at a later time. Children may gather along Main Street at their respective staging location to watch the parade and then get into the parade lineup closer to 12 noon.
3. Portable restrooms will be located at East Main and I, J, K, and L Street intersections. There will also be portable restrooms at the 'Mural Parking Lot' at the corner of Main and B Street NE. City Hall will also be open for public restroom use, from 9:30am – 2:00pm.
4. Per the rules of the parade, **throwing of candy and/or distribution of literature or any items is not allowed.** Entries are also prohibited from posting commercial advertisements on their parade vehicles or person. Commercial material of any kind – including logos and company insignias on vehicles – must be covered. A copy of the parade rules & regulations is included for your convenience. Float instructions are also included for those entries who may need to review that information.

5. It is important that all entries show patriotism, by displaying flags, wearing red, white and blue and/or playing patriotic music. Please follow the Flag Code. Thanks for showing your support of our Veterans and active military personnel!
6. All groups must maintain a forward motion leaving no more than 20 feet between units. Seafair Parade Marshals will help monitor forward progress. **Please do not stop and perform along the parade route except in front of the review stand at City Hall. Please keep your performance limited to 30 seconds.** Due to the large number of groups in the parade, we cannot have large gaps between groups. Groups violating this may be pulled from the parade procession and/or be unable to participate in future years.
7. During the parade, judging for specific categories takes place in front of the reviewing stand located at Auburn City Hall. Winners are notified by mail after the parade. Results are also posted to the City's website.
8. Please refrain from stopping at the end of the parade route. After you pass the Review Stand, make a right on A Street NW and another right on 1st Street NE. Dispersal must be done East of N Division Street.

We encourage you to attend the many activities in Auburn during the Veterans Day Observance, including the American Legion Breakfast (7-9:30am), the Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony (9:45am), the Static Display & Exhibit Showcase (9am – 2pm), the Veterans Day Luncheon (1:30pm), the VFW Post #1741 Open House (3-5pm) and the Veterans Day Marching Band Competition!

We are excited to announce the return of Sweet Swing! A Tribute to Veterans. The performance will be held at the Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 8th at 6:30pm. Through song, costume and narration, Sweet Swing! tells the stories of America with the joys of good musical memories as well as the sad songs of our country's history. These talented performers come together to preserve and present American WWII music and share women's progressive advancement through the decades. Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets: \$15 regular; \$13 student/senior; \$10 special Veteran ticket price.

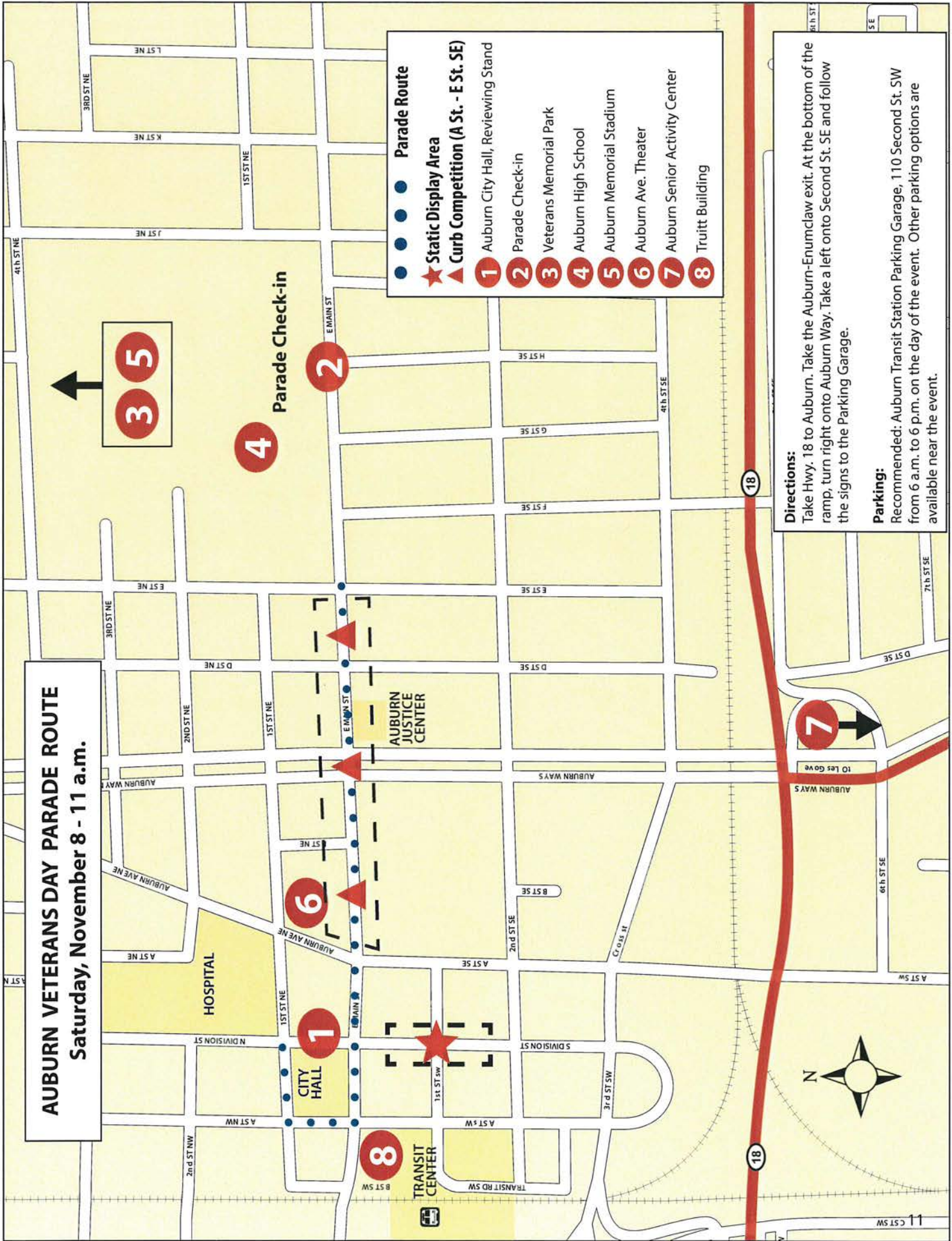
You may visit our website for complete event information and maps – www.auburnwa.gov/events. Please contact the Parks, Arts & Recreation Department at 253-931-3043 for additional information and/or inquires.

Thank you for supporting Auburn events! See you on Saturday, November 8th!

AUBURN VETERANS DAY PARADE ROUTE

Saturday, November 8 - 11 a.m.

- Parade Route
- ★ Static Display Area
- ▲ Curb Competition (A St. - E St. SE)
- 1** Auburn City Hall, Reviewing Stand
- 2** Parade Check-in
- 3** Veterans Memorial Park
- 4** Auburn High School
- 5** Auburn Memorial Stadium
- 6** Auburn Ave. Theater
- 7** Auburn Senior Activity Center
- 8** Truitt Building



Directions:
 Take Hwy. 18 to Auburn. Take the Auburn-Enumclaw exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Auburn Way. Take a left onto Second St. SE and follow the signs to the Parking Garage.

Parking:
 Recommended: Auburn Transit Station Parking Garage, 110 Second St. SW from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the day of the event. Other parking options are available near the event.

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

The purpose of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade is to positively focus on honoring our country's veterans and active military personnel. Through our parade, we focus recognition on congressionally-recognized Veteran Service Organizations and their auxiliaries, the military and reserve military, National Guard and ROTC. The goals and purposes of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade are to give honor to our country's military personnel and veterans and to their military missions of defending freedom around the world. The Parade has more applicants than it can permit to participate, and thus must select among the applicants those who will be able to participate. Those applications who are approved will be those that most closely meet the goals and purpose of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade.

1. Parade applications must be received by Friday, October 3, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. All entries must be approved before entering the line of march.
3. Veterans Day Parade protocol is as follows for marching order: active military leads the parade, the state commander from each veterans service organization is followed by their veteran service organization's representatives, followed by other veteran groups, invited political dignitaries and community groups.
4. Parade participation is limited to military entries, veteran service organization entries, veteran groups, invited dignitaries, Auburn service clubs, Auburn scouting groups, high school bands, drill teams, municipal entries, car clubs and other invited groups. If your group/organization does not fit this criteria, please consider participating in the Curb Competition – another great way to honor our veterans!
5. No entries may invite other units/participants to join their approved entry into the parade unless approved in advance by the City of Auburn.
6. Parade participation is not open to commercial entries. Approved entries may not display commercial material of any kind.
7. Campaigning is strictly prohibited.
8. Parade participation is not open to entries comprised of one individual, unless invited by the City of Auburn.
9. Auburn scouting groups will march as one combined group (e.g. Auburn Boy Scouts, Auburn Girl Scouts, Campfire, etc.)
10. No materials (gifts, candy, merchandise, literature, bubbles or other) may be handed out or thrown from participants in the parade. This policy will be strictly enforced by the Seafair Parade Marshals, who will be serving as the parade marshals for Auburn's Veterans Day Parade.
11. Any maneuvering, countermarching or other action delaying the forward progress of the parade beyond a reasonable time is prohibited.
12. Animal units must provide their own waste removal system.
13. The American flag must be displayed in an appropriate manner.
14. Entries are required to check-in with the Seafair Parade Marshals between 9:30am – 10:30am. Latecomers are placed in parade at random or may be held out of the parade. Approved entries will be mailed complete event information in late October. Line-up information is posted online at www.auburnwa.gov/events.
15. Parade floats must meet code compliance. Call 253-931-3060 for additional information.
16. Merchandise vendors are not permitted on parade route.
17. All food vendors must complete the Veterans Day food vendor application form. Call 253-931-3043 for more information. Food vendors will be assigned a location within the Static Display area. Roving food vendors are not permitted.
18. All non-profit fundraisers need a permit for day-of fundraising. Call 253-931-3020.
19. The City of Auburn reserves the right to cancel any accepted entry at any time should it be determined that the entry detracts from the goals and purposes of Auburn's Veterans Day Parade.
20. The City of Auburn or the Seattle Seafair Parade Marshals reserve the right to bar or remove from the parade any entry who refuses to follow the parade rules and/or the instruction and direction from the Parade Marshals or Auburn Police.