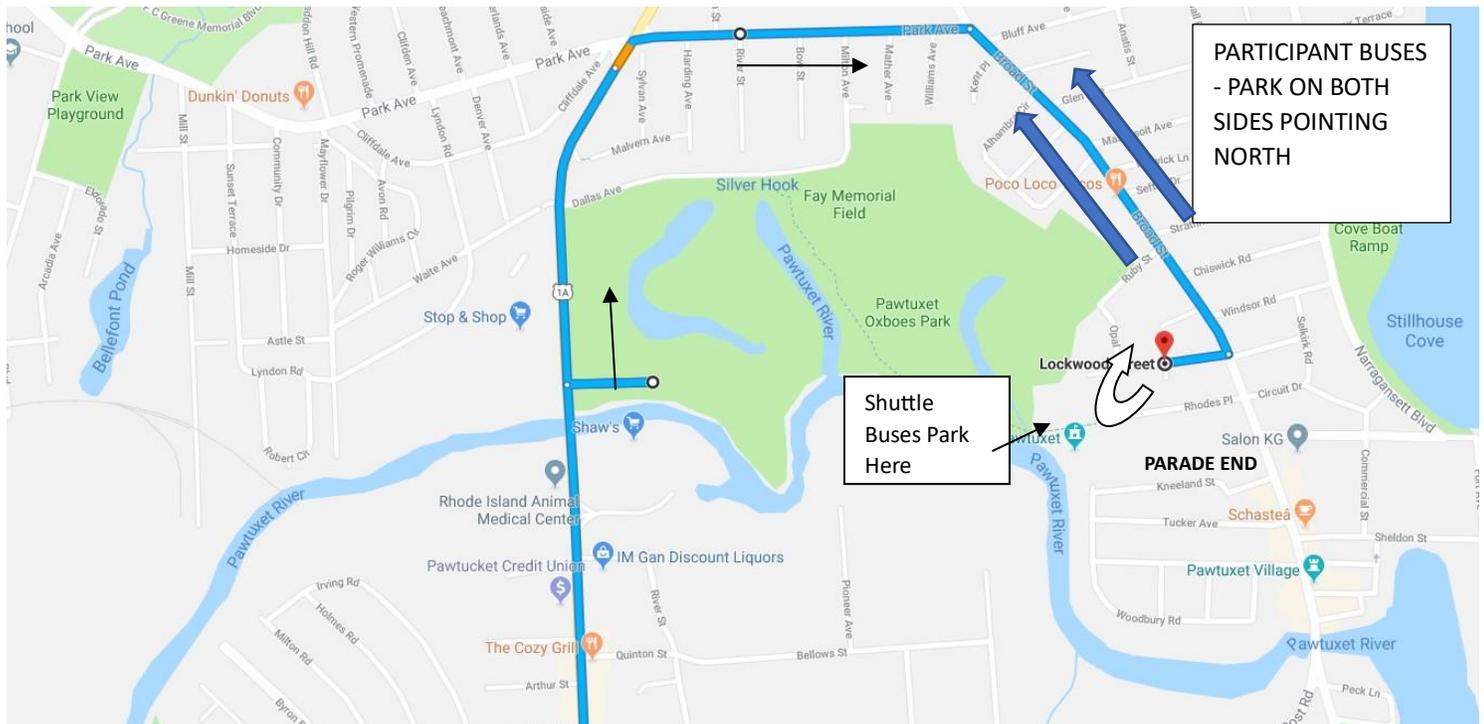


PARTICIPANT BUSES:

Buses transporting participants can drop off their group at either the John Brown Francis Elementary School parking lot or the Pilgrim High School parking lot. No buses can drop off at the staging area. **DUE TO OUR ANNUAL ROAD RACE BEFORE THE PARADE**, we ask that all participant buses please wait in the Pilgrim High School parking lot until **10:00 a.m.** At promptly 10 a.m., please follow the directions below:

Directions to Rhodes on the Pawtuxet from Warwick Avenue - **Follow Warwick Ave to Park Ave. Take a right onto Park Ave. to Broad St. Take a right on Broad St. and then a right onto Lockwood St. where they will be able to turn around in the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot and go back up Lockwood St., then take a left on Broad St. and park on either side of the street facing away from parade route.** Group members can meet their buses there after the parade.

IN ORDER FOR PARTICIPANT BUSES TO BE ABLE TO TURN AROUND IN THE RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET PARKING LOT AND GET BACK ON THE STREET FACING OUT, YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH THIS BY 10:30 A.M.



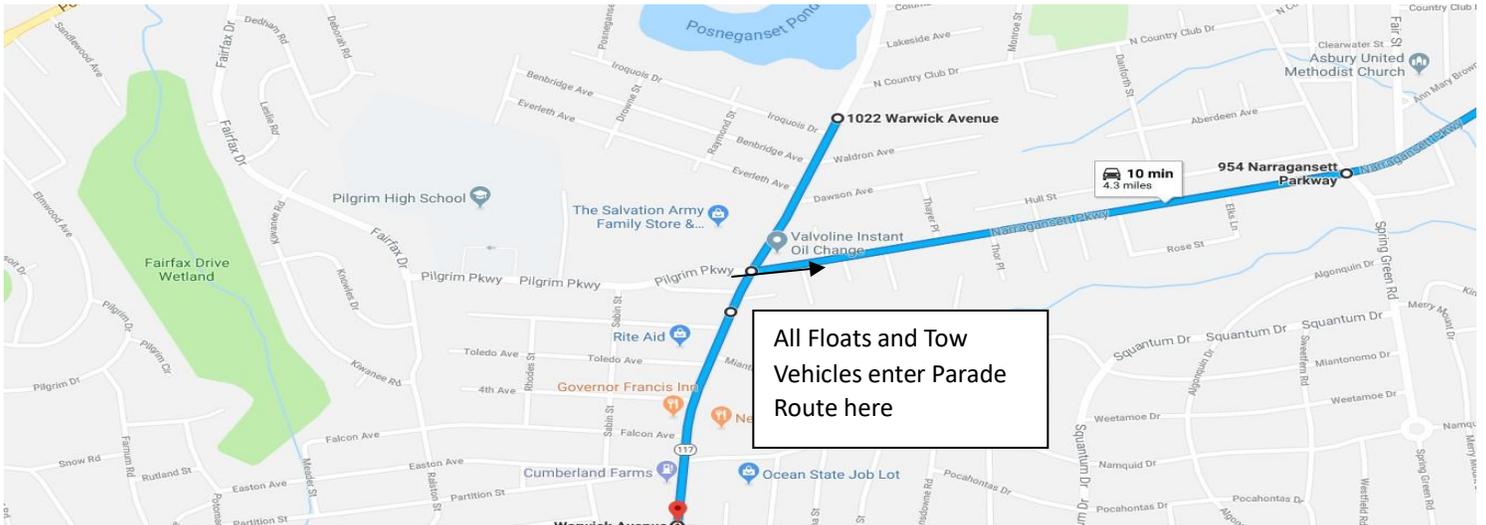
CHECK-IN:

The parade check-in and staging area is along **Narragansett Parkway east of Warwick Avenue**. Groups may get information from any Gaspee Days Committee member in a red polo shirt. **All participants, groups, floats and any tow vehicles must be in position no later than 9:00 AM.** It is likely that units arriving late will not be able to be placed in the parade.

ALL FLOATS AND TOW VEHICLES ARE ASKED TO ENTER THE PARADE ROUTE VIA WARWICK AVENUE TURNING DOWN NARRAGANSETT PARKWAY. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH YOUR DIVISION VIA ANY SIDES STREETS.

The leader of each participating group must check in directly with their assigned Division Coordinator along the parade line-up area. If your group is under contract, get an **acknowledgment receipt** from your Division Coordinator. Please see included line-up that will tell you what Division, Pole or House # and Division Coordinator to report to. **Please bear in mind that this line up may change up until parade kickoff.**

We strive to give musical groups enough separation to play their music **free from interference** by other musical groups. We accomplish this by carefully planning each group's position in the parade, and by using various non-musical "filler" groups or floats to provide adequate spacing. **The parade is, however, a dynamic event that requires much last-minute adjustment.** We will do our best to accommodate all groups.



AFTERTHOUGHTS:

- Members of Colonial Units are invited to stop by the **Encampment of Colonial Troops in Pawtuxet Park** where impromptu jam sessions and various skirmishes may occur.
- Please e-mail all **comments about your parade experience**, good or bad, to parade@gaspee.org. For further information please visit our web site at gaspee.com or call (401) 781-1772.

PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Gaspee Days Committee is licensed by both the Cities of Warwick and Cranston to conduct the annual Gaspee Days Parade under its supervision. Upon discovery of any rule violations, the appropriate police department will be contacted to rectify the situation. The following Gaspee Days Parade Participant Rules and Regulations apply to all persons or groups (including politicians). These rules are general and are subject to revision by the Gaspee Days Committee and by the Parade Chairperson prior to the event.

The safety of our parade audience and participants are of utmost concern. Violations of Parade Rules and Regulations and Safety Rules will result in the following - first offense written warning and second offense will result in expulsion from the parade.

1. Participants **must always obey uniformed police officers and red-shirt Gaspee Days Committee members at all times**, including respect to spacing.
2. Each parade participating group or person must be responsible not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of the public audience around them. Please immediately bring any unsafe or troublesome conditions to the attention of a police officer or Division Coordinator/Gaspee Days Committee Representative.
3. Acceptance into the parade will be based on the following:
 - a. **theme, logistics, spacing, and other needs** of the Gaspee Days Committee.
 - b. Participation of any person or group in the parade is at the sole discretion of **the Gaspee Days Committee**, which reserves the right to exclude any such person or group. Only those individuals and groups that have **been invited and/or accepted** by the Gaspee Days Committee will be allowed to march in the parade. All applicants must initial and sign a Contract Agreement in order to participate in the parade.
 - c. **The position in the parade line of march of ALL participants will be at the sole discretion of the Gaspee Days Committee.**
4. Vehicle drivers are solely responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle. **Support vehicles other than those towing a float are not allowed** to be in the parade unless specifically authorized by the Parade Committee.

5. **No signage may be displayed that is not in accordance with the patriotic theme and celebration** of the parade. Sponsors and tow vehicles may display only minimal signs so as not to detract from the aesthetic value of the float or group.
6. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by parade participants until after they have finished their parade route. All parade participants are responsible for observing state and municipal laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol possession and consumption.
7. Only individuals who hold elective office in federal, state, and/or local government and have received a written invitation from the Gaspee Days Committee may march in the parade. Officials holding such position are also not permitted to advertise a candidacy.
8. Parade groups with animals of any kind must provide people to perform immediate "pooper scooper" duties. This is, of course, in fairness to those who march behind you, as well as for the well-being of our parade audience. If you do not provide this very important duty, we will be unable to allow your animals to participate in the parade.
9. **No overtly commercial, sexual, political, or religious themes** are allowed in the parade. Any participant that violates this rule will be removed immediately from the parade.
10. All **antique vehicles must be able to remain idle** due to various stops along the parade route.
11. No one may carry or wear stiff or firm signs as these both obstruct views and can injure members of the crowded parade audience.
12. No objects of any kind may be handed, thrown, sprayed or otherwise distributed to spectators (this includes balloons, toys, candy, trinkets, literature, pamphlets, buttons, canned confetti, silly string etc.) from any vehicle or float or by any parade participant.
13. Parade vehicles and floats may not be approached by persons along the parade route, whether by a spectator or parade participant, and whether the vehicle or float has stopped or not. The vehicle or float may not be used as a base of operations for groups or persons accompanying such vehicle or float.
14. **All acrobatic stunts**, including but not limited to, gymnastic and cheerleading acrobatics, **must supply a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the Gaspee Days Committee, City of Warwick and city of Cranston.**
15. Military reenactment groups must not fire in the immediate vicinity of horses in the parade. All firearms must be aimed away from people and fired only under the command of a uniformed officer. Musket charges are limited to 100 grains of black powder. Cannons may not be fired along the parade route except by the special contingent stationed at Pawtuxet Bridge.
16. Due to crowd safety concerns, we do not allow privately-owned horses in our parade. Corporate or municipal horses must be insured.
17. No one may interfere with the progress of the parade anywhere along the parade route. There should never be more than 100 feet between groups (the distance between two telephone poles). Groups should perform as they are marching. A group may not stop to perform unless the entire parade has stopped ahead.
18. No scooters, bicycles, Segway, skateboards, wagons, shopping carts, etc. are allowed in or along the parade route unless specifically allowed by the Gaspee Days Committee.
19. **No one may use a public-address system, loudspeaker, or bullhorn** without specific authorization from the Gaspee Days Committee as this interferes with the parade enjoyment of our audience.