



THANKS FOR BEING PART OF THE STILWELL COMMUNITY FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

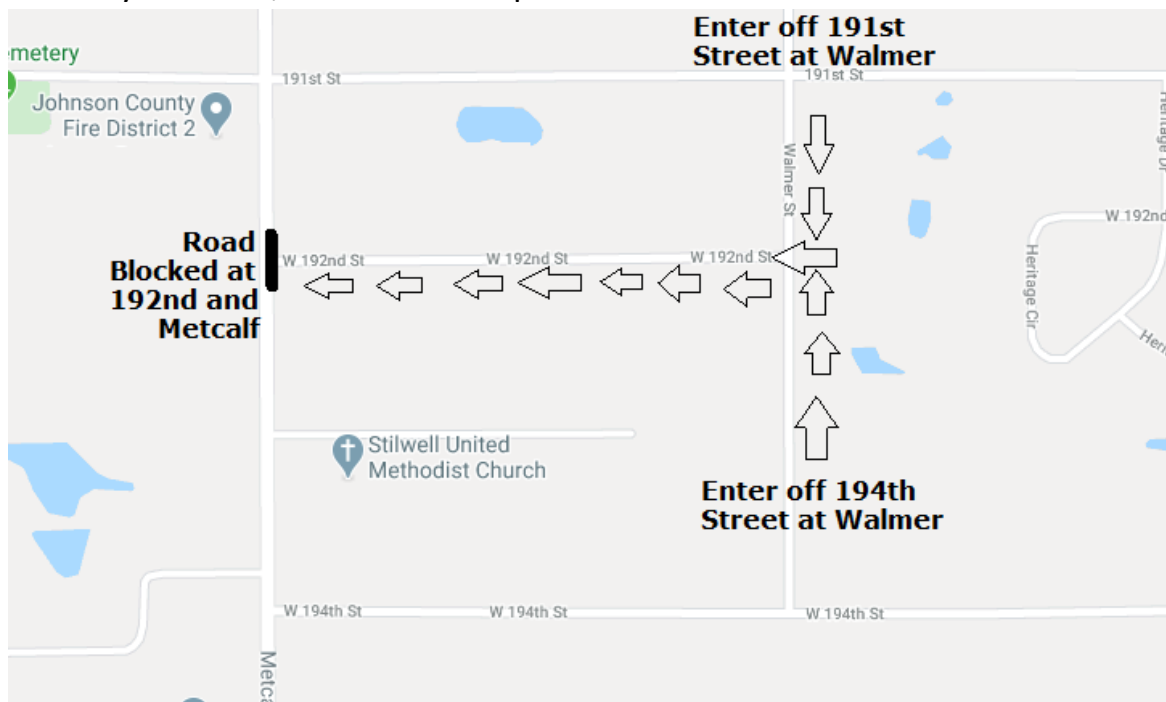
Thank you for being part of such a great tradition in Stilwell. On July 4, folks start reserving their spot along the parade route first thing in the morning for our 6pm parade. This illustrates that when you participate in our parade, you are participating in something special in the community.

STAY INFORMED – EVENT DAY NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up and text STILWELL to 888777 to stay informed on July 4, 2022 updates to include schedule changes, inclement weather, and event activity updates. Your phone number removed from the NOTIFY JOCO Aubry Township event notification system a few days later.

LEADING OUR PARADE: The Stilwell Boy Scout Troop 483 color guard will lead our *America the Beautiful* parade.

WHERE DO I GO Parade line up officially starts at 5pm. Here is how parade line up works. Enter 192nd street off of Walmer Street and take the next position in the parade. If you show up at 5:45 you will be at the end of parade on Walmer. If you show up at 5pm you will be towards the first half of the parade on 192nd street. When you arrive, take the next spot in line.



WHAT IF OTHERS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF (VOLUNTEERS OR KIDS)

Please do not attempt to negotiate and seek eastbound entry from Metcalf to 192nd. Enter the parade as you would from 194th or 191st as shown on the map. Drop the kids off and then you can continue one-way and exit Metcalf. Do NOT plan to drop kids off after 5:45pm as we will begin to fully block both lanes on 192nd Street for parade line

DROP OFF AREA

CAN WE TOSS AND HAND OUT CANDY



We let you decide if you wish to toss candy but the kiddos watching the parade sure do appreciate the treat! As always, we position the fire trucks at the beginning of the parade. We do this to keep kids from running out into the street for candy they may spot. If you toss candy, please be sure you have complete visibility of all sides and angles of your float. Hand or toss (not throw) candy to the kids. Safety is a priority so please work to keep candy off the roadway. If you can't see all sides of your float to monitor kids on the roadway, do not toss candy as it encourages kids to enter roadway.



Please take a moment to donate. Text **STILWELL** to 913-305-4344 for a link to make a donation online. Being in the parade is free (unless you are running for an elected office then we ask for a generous (minimum \$100) donation to help with event costs). If you want to write a check, you can just drive up and drop it off at the First National Bank in Stilwell and ask them to deposit it into the Stilwell Community Organization account! We love our Stilwell bank and they always make the extra effort to help out the community.

HOW DO WE GET A NUMBER FOR JUDGING

We ask that you pre-register (which you did if you received this document by e-mail) so we have an idea of what to expect. The theme is **America the Beautiful**. If you want to be judged (judges stand across the street from Stilwell Elementary School) then be sure to get a NUMBER the day of the parade from the volunteers. It will be placed on the **PASSENGER SIDE** of your entry. As in years past, we will come to you. You do not need to go anywhere after you are inline. Keep an eye out for the yellow safety vest volunteer that will issue you a number and confirm contact information. Good luck! For our adults, we have some serious trophies for you! The trophy for Grand Champion, first, second and third place are on display at Stilwell Station.



KIDS ONLY: Win “Best in Show!” This award is reserved for KIDS ONLY ENTRY. Adults cannot help and the entry is all about the kids, created and done by the kids.

2022 THEME

Theme: America the Beautiful

Two years following a sightseeing trip to Pike's Peak, Colorado, in 1893, Katharine Lee Bates remembered how awe-struck she was with that area of our country. She then wrote the poem America the Beautiful which has been embraced by the people of America. Her poem explores the lingering impact of the victories and joys experienced by all Americans. Stilwell is an area of our country embraced by our residents, loved for the importance in the quality of life, and surpasses expectations. Stilwell is worth the fight. Floats should highlight pride in the community and bring out the best in Stilwell.

Judging is based on four (4) categories. They include Grand Champion, First Place, Second, and Third Place. Stilwell also has a "BEST IN SHOW" for best kids-only entry. The kid's only entries are those evident to be done by "KIDS ONLY" with no

adult help. Winners in the past have been decorated bikes, mini floats, and kids with the best imagination in demonstrating the theme!

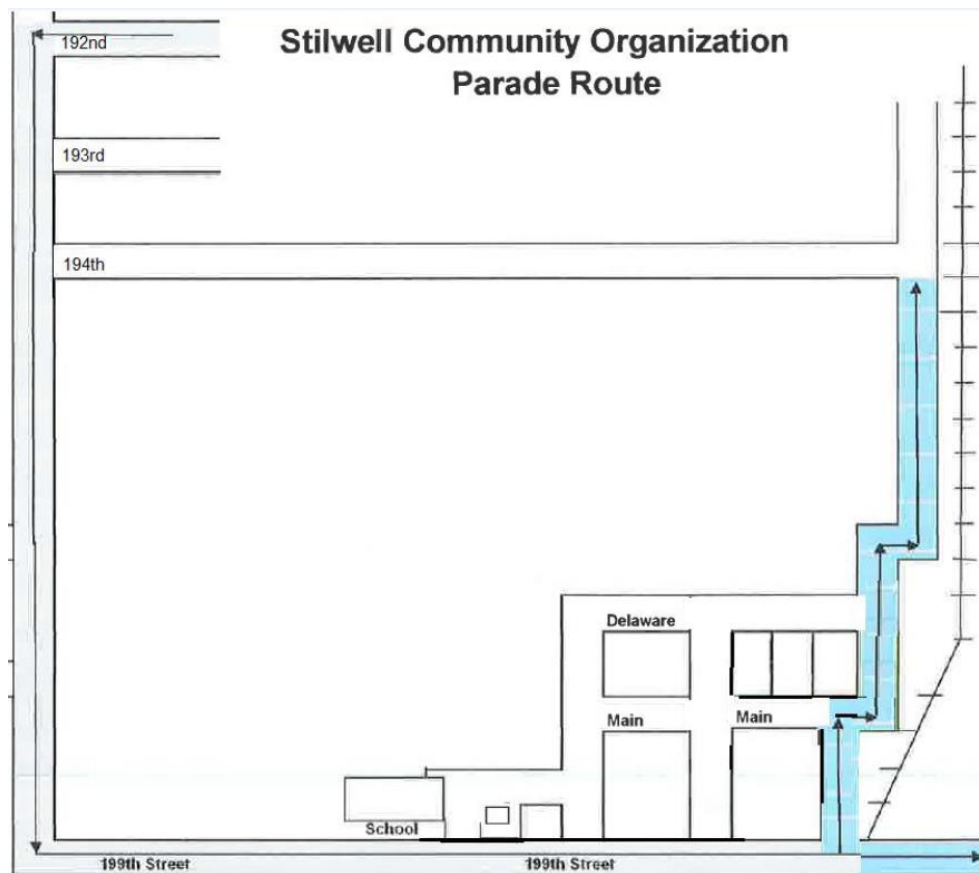
WHO IS THE GRAND MARSHAL?

Former (Retired) Chief Jim Francis

Johnson County Fire District #2

WHAT IS THE ACTUAL PARADE ROUTE AND WHAT DO WE DO AFTER THE PARADE

Once the parade has ended at the railroad tracks on 199th street, you can exit north bound on Nall Avenue (gravel road) turning left on 194th street and back onto Walmer (or left on 191st) as well you may head east bound on 199th Street. You can also continue on 199th street east. Over the railroad tracks. This is the same as 2021 but different from prior years. The parade will not navigate through the residential areas of “Old Town” Stilwell.



Parade Instructions

We strongly urge that all bicycle riders wear helmets.

Please, no alcoholic beverages