

**UNIT NAME:** Edina Basketball Association

UNIT NUMBER: 24

PARKING LOCATION: Neighborhood Streets

LINE UP LOCATION: Willson Road

**LINE UP TIME**: 9:00 a.m.

All units must be in position by 9:30 a.m.

## **OTHER VERY IMPORTANT DETAILS!**

**CHECK-IN:** We want to know that you are on site! Please stop at the tent located at the Edina Executive Plaza, 5200 Willson Road, to check in with a parade staffer.

**IT'S A PARADE**: That means that you will arrive and wait around. *Please bring plenty of water for yourself and your group*. And enjoy visiting with those around you. You will meet some great folks who are also waiting for the parade to start. If it's sunny, you may want an umbrella for shade. There are some trees along the Line Up area, so feel free to find a place to sit in the shade.

WILLSON ROAD: Willson Road at Eden Avenue (the North end of the Line Up Area) will close at 8:00 a.m. Normandale Road at South View Lane (the South end of the Line Up Area) will close to traffic at 7:30 a.m. Only parade unit vehicles will be allowed access from the South after 7:30 a.m. If you plan to drop a vehicle at your line up location, you must either do so before the road closes or enter the Line Up Area from the South. While in the Line Up Area along Willson Road, please keep your unit and all vehicles in the Northbound lane, leaving the Southbound lane open for access between Edina City Hall and Edina Community Center. Vehicles will be moving through the line up area using the Southbound lane! If an emergency vehicle needs to reach someone in the line up area, the Southbound lane must be open. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

**CONSTRUCTION:** The watch word this year is *Plan To Arrive Early*! 50<sup>th</sup> Street along the North side of Edina City Hall is closed. <u>The 50<sup>th</sup> Street/Vernon Avenue bridge across</u> <u>Highway 100 was removed and is being replaced</u>. Please plan your route, allow extra time to get to the parade area.

**CLEAN UP**: Please be sure to pick up your refuse. We appreciate it!

**BIFFS**: Portable restrooms will be available at various locations along the parade staging area: at the Edina Executive Office Building, Edina City Hall and the South end of the staging area.

**RETURN FOLLOWING THE PARADE:** Plan your return route at the end of the parade. You may wish to leave a vehicle in a parking structure at 50<sup>th</sup> & France. Or you may wish to return to the Line Up area via the neighborhood. Use the attached map or your own navigation map to determine the best route for you.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** We will hold the parade rain or shine unless we have lightning (as happened in 2023).

In the event of inclement weather, we will be posting announcements on the parade website <a href="www.edinaparade.org">www.edinaparade.org</a> and on the City of Edina website <a href="www.edinamn.gov">www.edinamn.gov</a>. If technology cooperates, I will issue a message to the phone number listed on your registration form. (Scroll down for more info. If that fails (as it did last year when my phone was wet), we will come around on a golf cart with updates for you. The parade will step off eventually, and if you wait for the weather to clear, we would greatly appreciate it. And we understand that it is not possible for everyone.

If we have inclement weather and delay the parade, you may stay in the staging area or return to your car to wait. Return to the line up when the weather begins to clear.

MAP IS ATTACHED: Attached you will find the parade map from last year, parade line up and parade rules. Please share this information with the people in your group so everyone knows where to park and your line up location. The map is helpful if you need to determine your return route if you are coming back to the staging area. The map this year is very similar to last year. We will send you an updated map when it's ready, but the information you need is generally unchanged.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at admin@edinabasketball.com.

See you on July 4<sup>th</sup> and hope for good weather!!

Jonathan Vessey
EBA Board Secretary