

# The Parade Is Always A Big Attraction

One of the biggest attractions at the Potato Days Festival is the 170 plus unit parade. People begin setting up their lawn chairs by 4:00 p.m. and the parade doesn't hit downtown until after the Car Cruise has gone through by 5:30 p.m. Car Cruise starts at 5:15 p.m.

Barnesville has a history for parades and this is one of the best. Marching bands, antique machinery, floats and much, much more will delight the audience.

The children delight in picking up candy along the route. All units are encouraged to walk along side the unit and hand out candy so children will not run into the street.

The parade route runs from the southwest gate of the fairgrounds, west on Second Avenue one block and then south on Fifth Street. Marching bands assemble at the Elementary School parking lot. Please see the parade route map for more information. NO vehicles are allowed to park along the parade route on Saturday at any time. Anyone parking along

the parade route are subject to towing and will have to pay all towing expenses.

After it has passed by the Valley Care and Rehab and the residents have gotten a good view, it proceeds west on Fifth Avenue to Front Street, turns north and proceeds downtown where the Parade Reviewing Stand is across from the Food Court. The parade continues to Second Avenue NE where it turns to return to the fairgrounds. Parking will not be allowed anywhere along the parade route. Signs mark the route but the map is also included with this article.

If you are picking up any parade riders from their float or car, please note that all pick ups will be back at the Clay County Fair Grounds. No floats are allowed to drop off at the Wells Fargo area for the safety of others and to keep the parade going.

Countless hours are put into organizing the parade but the delight on people's faces makes it well worth it. The Potato Days Parade is sponsored by Stoneridge Software.





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