

April 1, 2024

TO: All Walking Stick Recipients

SUBJECT: 2024 BANGOR/BREWER PARADES INFORMATION

Listed below is the information for the three (3) major parades scheduled for Bangor/Brewer. All Maine veterans are invited to participate. You must participate in the parade to get your yearly sticker. Stickers are not available at the museum.

These parades are not just for walking stick recipients. We encourage you to ask your fellow patriots to stop by the Cole Land Transportation Museum before Memorial Day to pick up their stick and participate in the parade with you.

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 27th (Bangor)

- Free Parking is available at:
 - (1) Penobscot Plaza at the junction of Exchange and Washington Streets, front and rear.
 - (2) The City of Bangor parking garage on Water Street next to Key Bank for 2-hour parking.
 - (3) The Career Center parking lot (former unemployment office) on Oak Street.
- Sticker Placement: 9:00am at the undercover entrance to First Bank (145 Exchange St)
- Start time/place: 10:15am at junction of State & Exchange Streets in Bangor
- Cyr Bus Start: Exchange Street near First Bank for those unable to walk the route.
- Formation: 9:30 at the junction of York & Exchange Street in Bangor
- Cyr Bus Return: Cyr school buses will enter Cedar Street (across from the Bangor Police Station) to transport veterans only back to Exchange Street.

Restrooms are available at Bangor's parking garage. Also, First Bank restrooms will be available (take the elevator up one flight to the restrooms).

Memorial Day Program at the Cole Land Transportation Museum (Free Admission):

Invite your family and friends to come and join in this patriotic event.

- Lunch: 11:30am - Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and whoopie pies will be sold by the not-for-profit Courageous Steps Program. Veterans with walking sticks are eligible to enjoy a free hot dog or hamburger and soda at that time.
- Ceremony: 12:30pm - Brief introduction, color guard, guest speaker, a wreath laying ceremony, and band concert.

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the memorial service at the museum will be cancelled. Please monitor our website or social media for any potential cancellations. If you are uncertain, please give us a call at 990-3600.

Independence Day Parade – Thursday, July 4th (Brewer):

- Free Parking is available at Brewer Auditorium & Hannaford parking lot.
- Cyr Bus Bangor Pickup: 9:00am on Exchange Street beside TD Bank in Bangor.
- Sticker Placement: 9:00am in front of the Brewer Auditorium
- Cyr Bus Brewer Location: 9:15am on Wilson Street in Brewer by the sidewalk/swimming pool.
- Formation: 9:15am at the space along Wilson Street from the football field to the lawn beside the swimming pool reserved for veterans.

- Start Time/Place: 10:00am at junction of Acme Road & Wilson Street in Brewer
- Cyr Bus Return: For those who park in Bangor, the buses will stop at TD Bank in Bangor following the parade on their way back to Brewer. For those who park in Brewer, buses will return you to the Brewer Auditorium.

Veterans Day Parade - Monday, November 11 (Brewer):

- Breakfast: 7:00am Annual pancake breakfast prepared by Bangor Breakfast Rotary at Jeff's Catering (funds benefit Keep Kids Warm Program). Veterans are free.
- Free Parking: Brewer Shopping Mall (No parking around Dr. Rand's Dentistry).
- Sticker Placement: 9:00am in the parking lot of Advanced Auto near Jason's Pizza.
- Formation: Veterans will form in the parking lot of Advanced Auto near Jason's Pizza.
- Cyr Bus Location: Cyr buses for those who cannot walk will be in the parking lot of Advanced Auto. Veterans riding the buses can stay on the buses at the end of the parade and be joined by veterans who marched and be brought back to the Brewer Shopping Mall.

Veterans Day Program at the Cole Land Transportation Museum (Free Admission):

- 1:00pm Veteran's Day Service, Essay Readings and Bangor Band Concert

If you would like to learn more or know someone who may have interest and would come with you, please call us at 207-990-3600.



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