



August 15, 2018

Re: Richmond Area Good Old Days Grand Parade Ending Point

Dear Resident:

After careful consideration, the Richmond Area Good Old Days Festival is changing the ending point of our Grand Parade on Sunday of the Good Old Days Festival. Beginning in 2018, the Grand Parade will end at the intersection of Main and Mary Streets.

Over the years, many bands and other entries have provided feedback on the length of our parade. Some bands with older membership have had to drop out of the parade due to the length. In addition, new businesses and changes to the large parking lot at the south end of town would have impacted the end of the parade, making it difficult to utilize the parking lot for bands and floats to break down for their trip home.

We understand that change is difficult for everyone, but by shortening the parade the Festival is confident we can continue to put one of Michigan's best parades down Main Street in Richmond. Our parade is well known as Michigan's largest marching musical parade and this change will help us continue to attract quality bands.

We encourage residents from south Main Street to move their viewing locations north to enjoy the parade. The road closures and detours will remain the same. The Festival will be utilizing Main Street south of Mary for bus parking and as an area for the larger floats to break down for their travel home.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Rix".

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