

DELANCO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

PARADE ROUTE CHANGE

The Delanco Recreation Commission understands the concern and disappointment expressed by many residents regarding the change in the parade route. The decision to change the route, although not popular, was necessary due to safety concerns that have been recently experienced. The following are the main safety and traffic issues that were paramount to the Recreation Commission's decision to change the parade route:

1. Wide turns cause large gaps in the parade line:
 - The time that it takes for the large trucks and floats to negotiate and make the turns causes large gaps in the parade line.
 - Many people think that the parade is over and pedestrians, vehicles and bicyclists start moving in these parade gaps.
 - Police officers must leave their assigned parade posts to clear the streets, further delaying the parade and creating even larger gaps.

2. These wide turns also put some of the large trucks and floats over curbing at certain turns on Union, Delaware and Willow which is a safety hazard for spectators.

Again, while we understand the disappointment for the change in the route, the safety and welfare of spectators and participants are always top priority.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Delanco Recreation Commission