

HOUSTON'S ST. PATRICK'S PARADE



MARCH 16, 2019

**MAKING FRIENDS AND
MEMORIES FOR 60 YEARS**

The Irish Salute:



PAT DUANE
2019 Grand Marshal

2019 Irish Memories of Pat Duane: A Native Houstonian of Irish Immigrant Parents

My dad's family, here for many generations, was instrumental in bringing the first Catholic priest through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky. My mother, at the ripe old age of three, escorted her family to America, last port of call, Dublin on March 17, 1911. In the height of the great depression, my dad said "I might starve to death, but I am not going to freeze to death". My mother's doctor suggested that they "Go South". Houston became home.

Years later I was born at St. Joseph Medical Center, greeted by my parents and a group of Irish nuns, who would take care of me for the first months of my life. One day realizing that this baby was thriving and not dying, they promptly had a candle light vigil outside of St. Joseph in thanksgiving.

Our home was filled with Irish stories punctuated with anecdotes, family history and clever saying, but the Irish celebrations were not the size and scope of today. Once a year, it amazed me to hear Irish music on the radio, woven between the hilarity of the two radio personalities, Tim and Bob. Spending most of the sixties in San Antonio, I returned the early part of 1969 to finish my education at the University of St. Thomas. Thus began the "Modern Era" of my Irish celebrating.

Tim and Bob turned over this "Brain Child", Houston's St. Patrick's Parade, over to the Irish Community and the A.O.H. One day, Grif tapped my on the shoulder and said "I need a hundred dollars". As I pulled out my wallet, I asked "What's it for?" He told me that there is no money for the parade and he need \$500 or \$600 to keep it afloat. Within the year, Dr. Edward Kearns, his wife Jeannie, and Grif called us together to form the Houston St. Patrick's Parade Commission. This successful venture formed the "Original 45". The Parade thrived.

The St. Patrick's Parade is a platform our family uses to celebrate life, births, illness and death. Remembering my sister, Kathleen's illness and death, my mother, Monica's cancer, my family friend, Jim Storey, who skipped chemo to attend the parade. My sister, Mary, joined us all the time. My nephew, Christopher Hagen, would always be hoisted up in his wheelchair by one of the firemen in the hose bed of a firetruck so that he could see. Mary's son, Paul Hagen, entertained the parade by riding his unicycle as he juggled. My sister, Patsy, traveled to Houston for several parades.

Cissy and I announced our engagement at the St. Patrick's Parade in 1988 to the sights, sounds, lights, bells and sirens of the 15 antique fire engines. Jim Foley made it official by announcing the news from the reviewing stand on Main ST. in front of Foley's. Please note, it was an "overnight romance" as we dated for 7 years.

Twelve years earlier, a great friendship began at the parade with Chuck Buschardt, a local fireman and one of Houston's first EMT's, bought and restored his first antique fire truck. His first parade was March 17, 1976. And, yes, we celebrated his wife, Marla's life at the parade the year she died.

My brother, Joe, died days before the parade in 2017. These great friends dedicated their fire truck entry to Joe. They drove their fire truck to our home to give us their banner and the Parade's signs that dedicated the parade to Joe Duane.

These memories will be embraced with a toast raised each year to Doc and Jeannie Kearns, to Monica, Kathleen, Christopher, Mary, Patsy Jim, Marla, Joe and always to the our great firemen.

Irish Memories. Remembering my life and the Parade. I have been blessed to be at the right place at the right time. Always remember, we are stewards. My aim was to preserve this heritage until Sean Kearns could mature into the role that would make his grandfather and grandmother PROUD!!

On our 60th, March 16, 2019, these are but a few on my Irish Memories of the fifty years and my joyful confidence in the next sixty.

FORMER GRAND MARSHALS

- 2018 GODFREY'S RANGERS: KENT HARGETT AND MICHAEL MARTIN
- 2017 GINGER SIMON—PARADE COMMITTEE
- 2016 THE HONORABLE JOHN KANE—HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL OF IRELAND
- 2015 DEACON PAT HANCOCK—LONG TIME PARADE PARTICIPANT
- 2014 WILLIAM "BILL" DOWLING—HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
- 2013 DONNA MCKENZIE—RADIO PERSONALITY
- 2012 SEAN KEARNS—PARADE CHAIRMAN
- 2011 LORI GALLAGHER—UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
- 2010 DAVID, BILLY AND MIKE CARR—PARADE COMMITTEE
- 2009 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE—ALL PAST GRAND MARSHALS
- 2008 MIKE DALY—MOLLY'S PUBS
- 2007 MARY KEARNS-PARADE COORDINATOR
- 2006 PATRICK SHARKEY—IRISH SOCIETY
- 2005 JAMES WETHERBEE—NASA
- 2004 JAY DOOLING AND PETE LITTLE—IRISH AIRES
- 2003 TOM RYAN—A.O.H.
- 2002 CHRIS CONNEALY—HOUSTON FIRE CHIEF
- 2001 THOMAS J. HORAN—A.O.H.
- 2000 JIM MCINGVALE—GALLERY FURNITURE
- 1999 GLENN MCCARTHY, JR—SHAMROCK HOTEL
- 1998 JIM MCNAMARA—A.O.H., HOUSTON HIGHLANDER
- 1997 KATHLEEN AND LARRY MIGGINS—A.O.H.
- 1996 GEORGE ABBEY—NASA
- 1995 GLEN HART—HOUSTON AEROS
- 1994 PAT PATTON—A.O.H.
- 1993 MICHAEL DAVITT—A.O.H.
- 1992 JOSEPH MCFADDEN, UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
- 1991 MICHAEL GRIFFIN—A.O.H.
- 1990 BRIAN DUFFY—NASA
- 1989 JIM FOLEY—HOUSTON ROCKETS
- 1988 DR. AND MRS. EDWARD KEARNS—PARADE COMMISSION
- 1987 BURKE O'ROURKE—A.O.H.
- 1986 GERALD GRIFFIN—NASA
- 1985 JIM KELLEY—HOUSTON GAMBLERS
- 1984 TIM NOLAN—KPRC RADIO—PARADE FOUNDER
- 1983 GEORGE STRAKE, JR.—TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE
- 1982 DR. DENTON COOLEY—TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE
- 1981 JOHNNY GOYEN—HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
- 1980 ROBERT CRIPPEN—NASA—PILOT 1ST SPACE SHUTTLE
- 1979 DAN PASTORINI—HOUSTON OILERS
CALVIN MURPHY—HOUSTON ROCKETS
- 1978 JIM MCCONN—HOUSTON MAYOR
- 1975 HUGH DEVORE—FORMER NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACH

**THE 2019 HOUSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
IS DEDICATED TO OUR FRIENDS AND ICONS
OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON**

TOM HORAN

JEANNIE KEARNS

**THE HOUSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE ALSO
HONOR**

**PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH
FIRST LADY BARBARA BUSH**

AND HOUSTON TEXANS OWNER AND FOUNDER

ROBERT C. MCNAIR

**DEAR ST. PATRICK,
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS.**

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**FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
2019 HOUSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

**A THANK YOU TO OUR PHOTOCOPY SERVICE:
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THE 2019 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE 60TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE AT MARKET SQUARE AREA. WE WANT TO WELCOME ALL THE NEW ENTRIES ALONG WITH THE GROUPS THAT HAVE COME OUT AND SUPPORTED US FOR YEARS. OUR PARADE THEME THIS YEAR IS:

THE RULES OF THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE AND YOUR UNITS LINE-UP POSITION ARE ENCLOSED. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR UNIT WILL BE JUDGED FOR AN AWARD. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE AT MARKET SQUARE. PLEASE STAY AROUND TO SEE IF YOUR ENTRY WINS AN AWARD. THE AWARDS INCLUDE THE "DOC KEARNS MEMORIAL TROPHY" FOR MOST UNIQUE ENTRY AND THE GREEN DERBY AWARD FOR BEST OVERALL ENTRY. MEDALS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNERS IN OTHER CATAGORIES.

DUE TO THE RISING COST OF INSURANCE, WE REQUIRE ALL ENTRIES IN THE PARADE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSURANCE COVERING THEIR GROUP. THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMISSION IS NOT LIABLE FOR INJURY, DAMAGE OR THEFT TO ANY UNIT. WE HAVE BLANKET COVERAGE FOR THE ENTIRE PARADE AS REQUIRED BY HOUSTON CITY ORDINANCE.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY AND WILL BE WITH US FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
HOUSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMISSION

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2019 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

PARADE THEME: **MAKING FRIENDS AND MEMORIES FOR
60 YEARS**

PARADE DATE: **SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**

PARADE TIME: **12:00 P.M.**

PLACE: **PARADE STEP OFF IS ON BRIDGE ON
CONGRESS BETWEEN SMITH AND
FRANKLIN**

THE 2019 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE INFORMATION **AND REGULATIONS**

SEE THE ATTACHED MAP OF THE LINE-UP AREA ON THE BACK PAGE TO LOCATE YOUR PARADE POSITION

PARADE OFFICIALS:

Parade Marshals will have identification badges. It is important that you follow all of the Marshal's instructions. Failure to comply with a Parade Marshal will mean immediate exit from the parade area.

PARADE CHECK-IN:

Entrants should report to their assigned Section for check-in. Your Block Captain or Section Marshal will be there to greet entrants and show them to their assigned area. All entrants should make note of their check in time as explain below.

PARADE CENTRAL:

Parade Central will be located will be located BRIDGE ON CONGRESS BETWEEN SMITH AND FRANKLIN

FIRST AID STATION:

Ask a Parade Marshal for assistance and he/she will escort you to Parade Central, where the First Aid Station will be located.

LINE UP TIME:

All floats, large vehicles and convertibles carry Parade Guests should be at their line-up position, parked parallel to the curb by 10:30 a.m. All other units should be at their line-up position no later than 11:00 am. Autos should be parked at a 45-degree angle to the curb.

REVIEWING STAND:

The reviewing stand will be reserved to Parade Officials, the Grand Marshal and invited Guests. The reviewing stand is on Travis and Preston.

PARADE MAP:

The map of the parade line up area and parade route is included at the back to this booklet.

PARKING:

Parking is the responsibility of the participants. No cars will be allowed in the lineup area, except for parade entry cars. You must show your admission permit (Enclosed with this package) to enter the lineup area. There is enough parking in the Old Post Office (401 Franklin St.) lots cost is \$5. Since the awards ceremony will be held at Market Square, it would be wise to park in Old Post Office lots (401 Franklin St.).

HORSES:

Horses will not be left unattended for the safety of the horses and spectators. All horse-drawn carriages should be decorated. **DO NOT BRING HORSES INTO THE PARADE AREA BEFORE 11:30 A.M.** Make sure you have someone with our unit who will clean up after the animals. The City will charge the Parade for cleaning the streets if we leave a mess. We will intern charge for our fines if you don't comply.

PARADE AWARD CEREMONY:

The awards will be announced following the Parade. The Awards Ceremony will be held at Market Square, 801 St. Emanuel. Make arrangements to stay in case your unit wins an award.

PARADE MOTION:

Participants must maintain a forward motion (vehicle three miles per hour). NO STOPPING or reverse motion movements are allowed in front to the reviewing stand, located at Texas and Austin on the right hand side. Judges are instructed to disqualify any entry that stops the forward motion of the parade. Each entry should maintain a 30-foot interval between units. No gaps, please. KEEP MOVING!! Each float must be equipped with either a short front tow bar or heavy tow chains securely fastened to the chassis frame or to a solid section of the front to the float. Towing apparatus must be concealed within the float design. NOTE: Trailer tongues and towing bars will not stand much maneuvering. A short tongue will give better service. A long tow bar is more apt to give way or buckle, particularly in making turns.

FLAGS:

When displayed with another flag forming crossed staffs, the Flag of the United States will be on the right and over the staff of the other flag. When carried in a procession with another flag or flags, the American flag will be on the marching right. When the flags of two or more countries are displayed, they should be flown from separate staffs at the same height and the flags should be approximately equal size. When uses as an identifying symbol on an automobile, flags are flown on a small staff affixed to the end of the front bumper, on the right looking toward the car and within the line of the fender. When displayed this way, the staff should be tall enough so that the flag clears the car hood.

INFORMATION FOR BANDS, DRILL TEAMS AND R.O.T.C.

UNLOADING AND PARKING:

Please do not unload or let your members out in the Parade Area. Unload busses on and proceed to your line up position. There will be parade marshals around to show you to your line up position.

BUS DRIVERS:

After all band members have been unloaded, bus drivers must remain in their vehicles during the parade. Please park your equipment vans in the same area as the buses. All buses are to park in the Old Post Office (401 Franklin St.) lots. PLEASE DO NOT PARK BUSES OR VANS ON THE PARADE ROUTE. THESE LANES MUST BE CLEAR FOR THE FORWARD MOTION OF THE PARADE TO CONTINUE.

TIME:

Be at your line up area no later than 10:30 am. and go immediately to your position. Your Parade Marshal will direct you to your position, so have your band director check in with him/her.

INFORMATION FOR MARCHING UNITS

1. All groups have been placed in their classification.
2. Units must carry identification banner in front of the band.
3. Units must march on 120 beats per minute.
4. Groups should play one (1) Irish melody as part of their program.
5. Units must maintain all maneuvers in forward motion.
6. UNITS MUST NOT STOP.
7. Units should be ready for their presentation when they reach the reviewing stand on Travis and Preston.
8. NO STOPPING for the sake of performing.
9. All maneuvers must move forward, although the musical tempo may be slowed slightly.
10. Drum Majors will be observed from the moment the band reaches the reviewing stand. Drum Majors will also be observed for roll-offs, salute of the reviewing stand, salute of the camera, posture; whistle commands and general authority over the band.

PARADE ROUTE:

The Parade will step off on the bridge on Congress between Smith and Franklin. The parade will proceed on Congress, turn right on Smith, left on Texas Ave., left on Travis, left on Congress and will end at Franklin.

AFTER THE PARADE:

At the end of the parade route, there will be dispersing marshals who will direct you off the parade route. **ALL VEHICLES NOT STAYING FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY MUST LEAVE THE PARADE AREA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE.**

JUDGING STAND INFORMATION

The Judging Stand will be located at Travis and Preston. Each unit will be judged on the following applicable criteria:

1. Drum Major salute of the judges and reviewing stand.
2. Band Alignment or Unit Alignment.
3. Unity of Step.
4. Uniformity
5. Sound of the Organization (Band/Musical Groups)
6. Special Maneuver: Were items 2, 3, & 4 maintained?
7. Originality (Float, Car, etc.)
8. Adherence to Parade Theme (Floats, Cars, etc.)
9. Animal Entries—Grooming and Behavior.
10. Extra Points:
Something Special for St. Patrick's Day (wearing something green or a special St. Patrick's musical routine. Green does not include the regular school uniforms if they wear green.)

Did organization come to a complete halt for any reason (besides regular parade back-ups) such as performing in front of the Judges or reviewing stand. If so, the judges will disqualify the entry.

JUDGING:

All Units will be judged as they pass the reviewing stand.

Floats will be judged on originality, animation, theme, and costuming and overall appearance.

Girls Units will be judged for step, lines, eyes right, etc.

Marching Units will rate points for unit alignment, uniformity of step, sound, dress and optional maneuvers in forward motions.

Float categories are commercially made or independently (built by individuals) produced.

OTHER PARADE INFORMATION

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PARADE PARTICIPANT TO THROW, DISTRIBUTE OR GIVE AWAY ANY LEAFLETS, COINS, PAPER MONEY, CANDY, SOUVENIRS, PASSES, BEADS OR ANY OTHER ITEM FROM A MOVING VEHICLE. IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN BY CITY ORDINANCE!!! YOU MAY, HOWEVER, PASS OUT MATERIAL ON THE CURB ONLY. DO NOT LET PARADE SPECTATORS COME INTO THE PARADE ROUTE.

NOTICE: ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE PARADE AND NOT INVITED BACK.

THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IS A NON-POLITICAL PARADE. THEREFORE, NO CAMPAIGNING OR POLITICAL SLOGANS, VOICE OPINIONS OR SIGNS IN POOR TASTE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE. IF IN DOUBT AS TO THE INTERPRETATION OF A DISPLAY, CHECK WITH THE CHIEF PARADE MARSHAL.

IT IS ALSO UNLAWFUL FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE SERVED OR DISPLAYED DURING THE PARADE. THIS IS WRITTEN INTO THE CITY PARADE ORDINANCE!!!

NOTICE: ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE PARADE AND NOT INVITED BACK.

ALL DRIVERS OF VEHICLES MUST BE LEGALLY LICENSED.

ALL UNITS WILL STAY IN THEIR PARADE POSITION UNTIL THEY HAVE REACHED THE DISBANDING POINT AND ARE DIRECTED FROM THE ROUTE. PLEASE FIND PARKING AWAY FROM THE DISBANDING AREA. DO NOT ABANDON ANY ENTRY.

THE CITY AS HAVING A WELL-RUN PARADE THROUGH THE YEARS HAS COMMENDED US. PLEASE RE-CHECK THE REGULATIONS SO THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE "IRISH EYES SMILING" ON THE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE DAY.

2019 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE DAY PARKING INFORMATION

If you park at a Parking Meter, please be sure to feed the meter. Parking downtown at meters are not free on Saturdays until after 6:00pm.

If you are an entry for the parade, your route for Assembly and Disbursal (if not joining us at Market Square) will be in your packet.

PARKING—There is parking all over this part of downtown, but here are a few tips to get you parked for the Parade:

- If you will be parking inside the Parade Route, please be sure to get there by 11:00am some access will be cut off after 11:00am.
- Find parking with this handy page www.downtownhouston.org/parking/.
- **800 Preston St**, One Market Square, has 900 parking spots next to the Reviewing Stand and the After-Party in Market Square is right next door.
- **401 Franklin** the parking is \$5 near the lineup area and beginning of the parade.
- Numerous other garages and flat lots that will be open in the area.
- **ParkMobile**, <https://parkmobile.io/>, is a great phone app to find and feed some parking and meters so no need for change or running back out to put more money in!

We are grateful to have you join us for our 60th Annual Parade!

Have a GREAT TIME!

LINE-UP AREA

PLEASE NOTE

THERE ARE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE LINE UP AREA.

YOU WILL LINE UP AS FOLLOWS:

SECTIONS A, B, C, D & E

WILL LINE UP ON FRANKLIN BETWEEN CONGRESS AND BAGBY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET

SECTION F

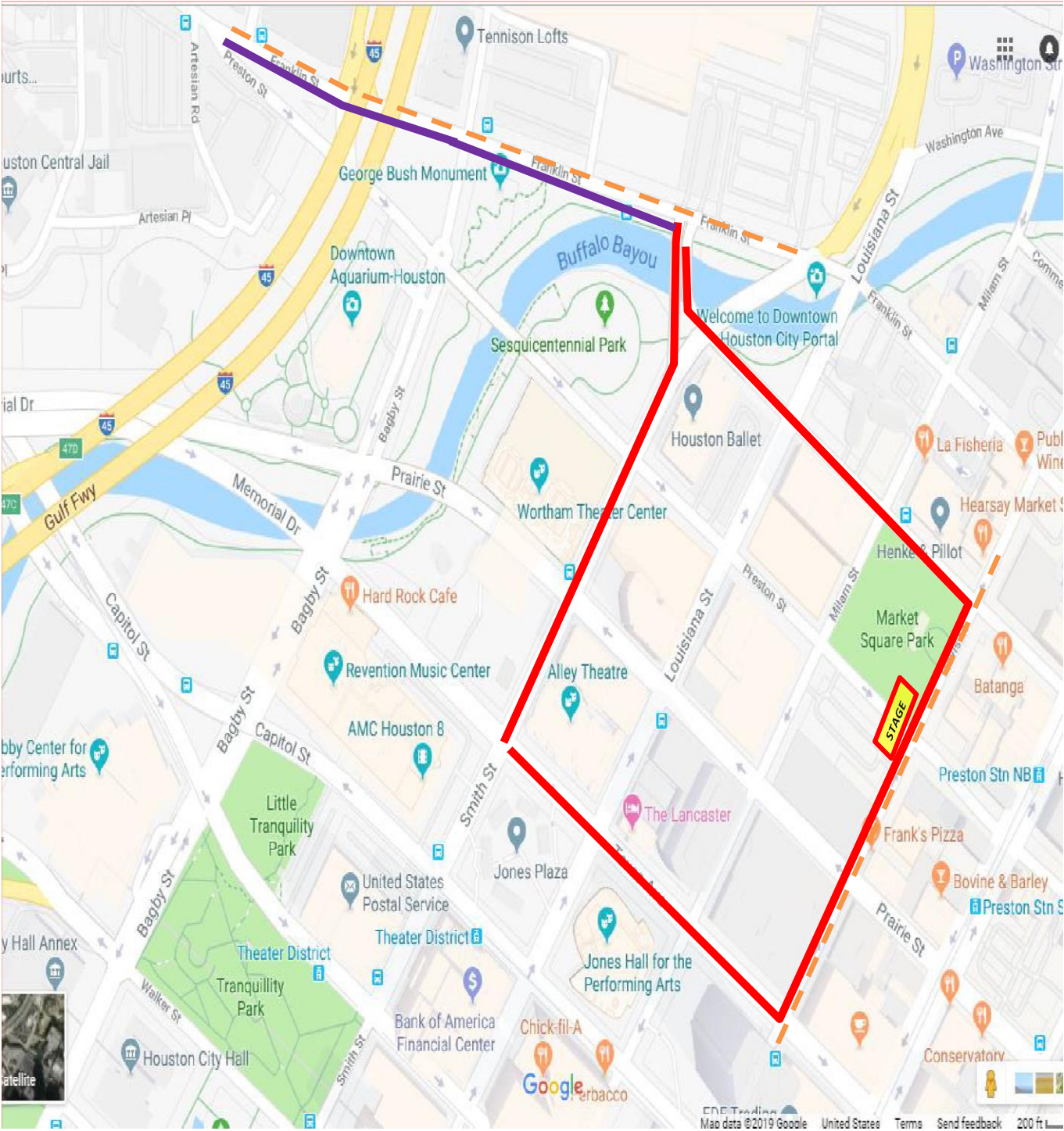
WILL LINE UP ON FRANKLIN BETWEEN CONGRESS AND SMITH ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET.

SECTION G

WILL LINE UP IN POST OFFICE PARKING LOT.

PLEASE REFER TO THE PURPLE AREA ON THE PARADE ROUTE MAP. THIS IS THE LINE UP AREA.

2019 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE ROUTE



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