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MARDI GRAS TIME

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We have already started plans for the February 10, 2018, Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade. One of our objectives is to eliminate the float lineup congestion. We are also very concerned about public safety and keeping the Youngsville Mardi Gras Parade a wholesome/family oriented event for all to enjoy.

**THE PARADE ROUTE HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR!** In an effort to avoid parade congestion, this year the parade will lineup at the intersection of Savoy Road and Chemin Metairie at the Youngsville Sports Complex. All parade participants will be lined up along Chemin Metairie. The parade will follow Chemin Metairie to Hwy. 92 and proceed to Hwy. 89, turning onto Church Street before ending at the Youngsville Sports Complex. Please take note that the route is 4 miles long this year, which is longer than last year's route. All bands and dance schools will be meet at the Sports Complex Recreation Center on Savoy road and entered into the parade from there. School buses will be allowed to park at the Recreation Center where their participants will line up. All traffic along the parade route will be restricted beginning at 8:00 A.M. and the parade will begin promptly at 11:00A.M.

Prior to the parade, float Permits can be purchased at City Hall Monday thru Friday between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Parade permits for Floats are \$175.00 and single vehicles are \$100.00. Trailers must be less than 40' in length and the sides must be at least 4' in height. Double decker floats can be no higher than 13'.

All floats will be inspected prior to being allowed in the lineup. Only floats that have riders and beads on board will be lined up in the parade. If a float or vehicle is not parade ready they will be moved to a holding area until the time the float or vehicle is parade ready. Please have your permit displayed on the passenger side of the float or vehicle.

The rules of conduct which include, PROFANITY & VULGAR MUSIC in any form shall be grounds for instant removal. Also, tossing of ALCHOLOIC BEVERAGES & ANIMALS in any form shall be grounds for instant removal from the parade. **NO REFUNDS IF A FLOAT OR VEHICLE IS REMOVED FROM THE PARADE.**

Additional information will be provided with the float/vehicle parade permit. Please keep in mind that our ultimate goal is to have a safe/family oriented parade. If you, or someone you know wants to volunteer for the parade please have them call City Hall at 337-856-4181. After the parade we welcome your feedback so we can continue to improve on this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

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