

About the Event

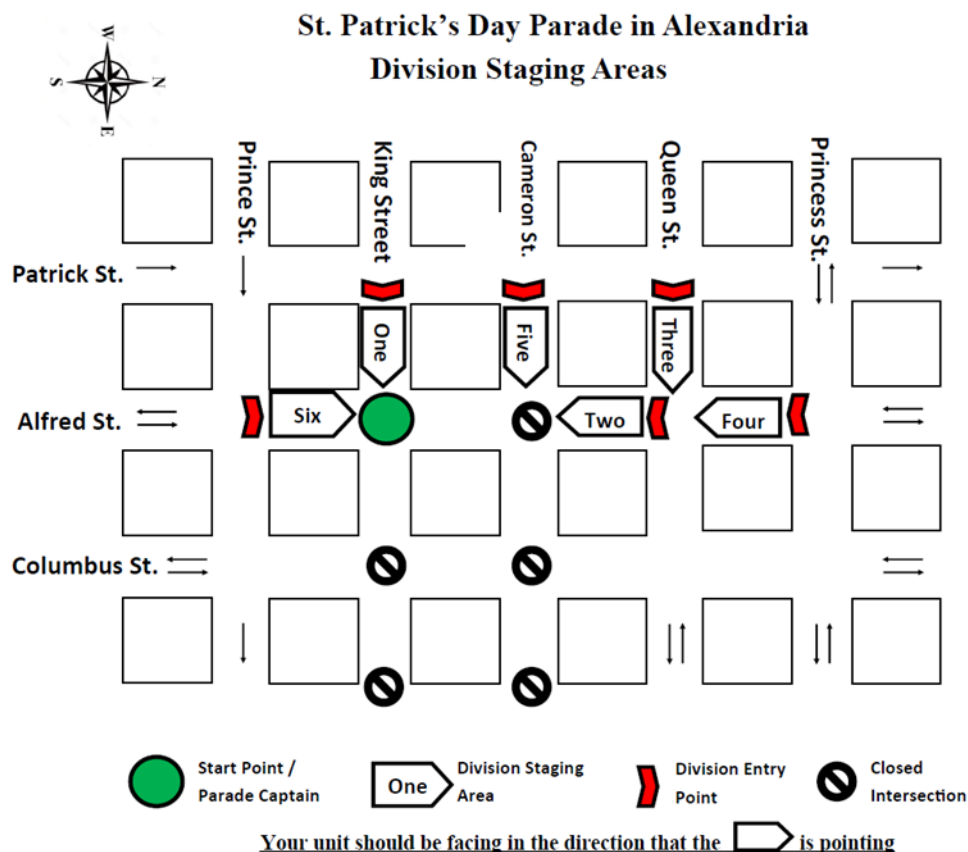
Please carefully read the details below. If there are any questions, please get in touch with Club Development Officer Ronan Kelly: development@wdcgael.com.

Parade Formation

On Saturday, March 4, 2023, the Ballyshaners will stage their 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town Alexandria, commencing at 12:30 PM. The Parade is separated into divisions, and our group is assigned to **Division 4 - Claddagh**.

Arrival

- Parade participants must arrive in the Staging Area no earlier than 11:00 AM and no later than 11:45 AM.
 - If you arrive before the assigned time, do not attempt to enter the Staging Area or Parade Route.
 - If you are late, Parade Marshals will attempt to place you into the Parade, but if you miss the lineup, you are **NOT** assured you will be permitted to march.
- Our Staging Area will be between Queen and Princess Streets on Alfred Street; You can enter from Princess Street onto Alfred Street, as shown in the image below.



- Upon arrival, look for our group or contact parade staff to help them guide you to us.

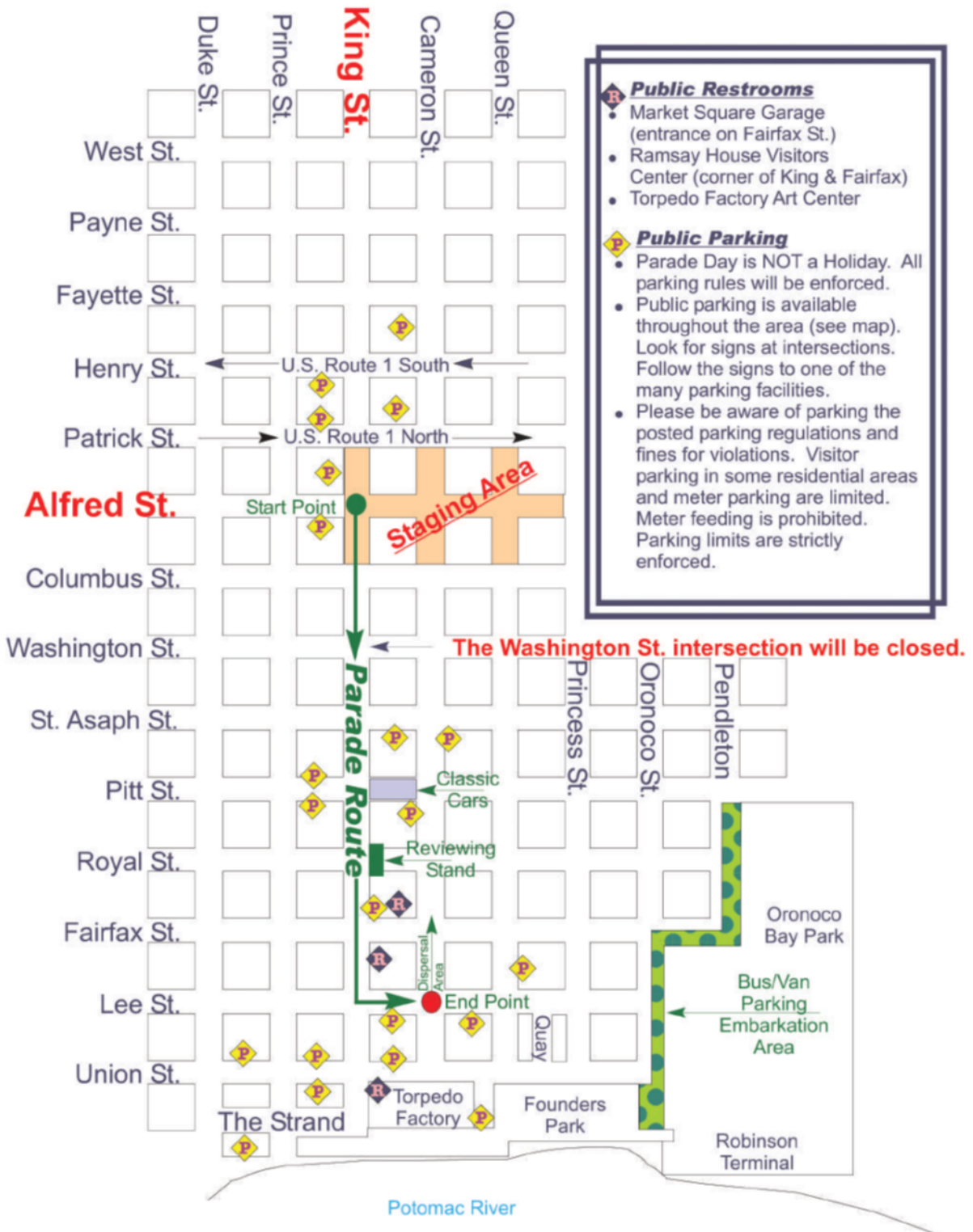
Parade Start

The Parade will start at **12:30 PM** at the direction of the Parade Captain. We realize that waiting in the staging area may feel like a long time, but please be ready to move up or start at a moment's notice. Our Divisions will move out of their Staging Area in order as the Parade proceeds.

- We should expect to stop at the starting line as the Parade Captain and marshals coordinate the operation of the Parade.

Parade Movement

Parade units will move through the Parade Start Point at King and Alfred Streets to the Parade End Point on Cameron and Lee streets. Public parking and restrooms are marked.



Dispersal after the Parade

At the end of the Parade, all participants will continue moving until they have exited Cameron Street. Please pay attention to the instructions of the Parade Marshals in the Dispersal Area, as they cannot allow the units in the Dispersal Area to back up into the Parade Route.

Meeting up after the Parade

Join old and new friends by stopping into Daniel O'Connell's Bar, where we'll recruit players for the upcoming season. We hope you can join us!

Additional Information

- **What to wear:** We welcome you to wear any club gear you own or any bit of blue you can find. If you want to purchase some D.C. Gaels merch to represent the club, we will have a limited amount of shirts for sale at the staging area. All shirts will cost \$5; if paying by cash, please bring the exact change. We will have the following:
 - Youth cotton or wicking shirts (blue), sizes XS-XL
 - Adult unisex cotton or wicking shirts (blue and grey), sizes S, M, 2XL and 3XL
 - Women's shirts (blue), sizes XS-2XL
 - Adult unisex cotton / *Shamrock DC* shirts (green), S, M, L
- **Parking:** Parade Day is not a holiday, and all parking rules, including meters, are in effect. Single vehicles may park anywhere on a city street that is a legal parking spot. There is no dedicated parking area for Parade participants in the Staging Area at the beginning of the Parade.
- **First Aid and Evacuation:** Please contact any police officer for first aid assistance. Follow the directions of public safety personnel at all times.
- **Restrooms:** There are public restrooms along the Parade route. Parade participants should avoid using local area establishments and use the facilities the City provides.
- **Lost Children:** Reports of a lost child should immediately be reported to the nearest Parade Marshal or Alexandria Police Officer. This information will be passed to the Alexandria Police.
- **Transportation routes**
 - **Driving:** Those planning to drive should approach the staging area from one of the following major traffic routes:
 1. Duke Street/Route 236-Eastbound
 2. U.S. Route 1-Northbound or Southbound
 3. Washington Street-Southbound

Washington Street Northbound is not recommended because of the restrictions on left turns.) Due to anticipated congestion in the vicinity at the Masonic Memorial (King Street and Russell Road) and the Metro Station (King Street and Diagonal Road), units should avoid approaching the staging area via King Street (Route 7).

- **METRO:** The METRO station at King Street is a short walk from the Staging Area for the Parade and is extremely convenient. You can contact METRO for schedule information at 202-637-7000, or the [WMATA website](#).
- **DASH:** DASH stops are located throughout the Old Town Area, especially along King Street. You can contact DASH at 7038383800 or the [Alexandria Transit Company \(DASH\) website](#).