

Santa Claus Parade



Please review your email for your float number, arrival time, and staging spot.

Thank you for your participation in the 2025 Orangeville Santa Claus Parade, Saturday November 22! Please review this email carefully for important information you'll need on parade day.

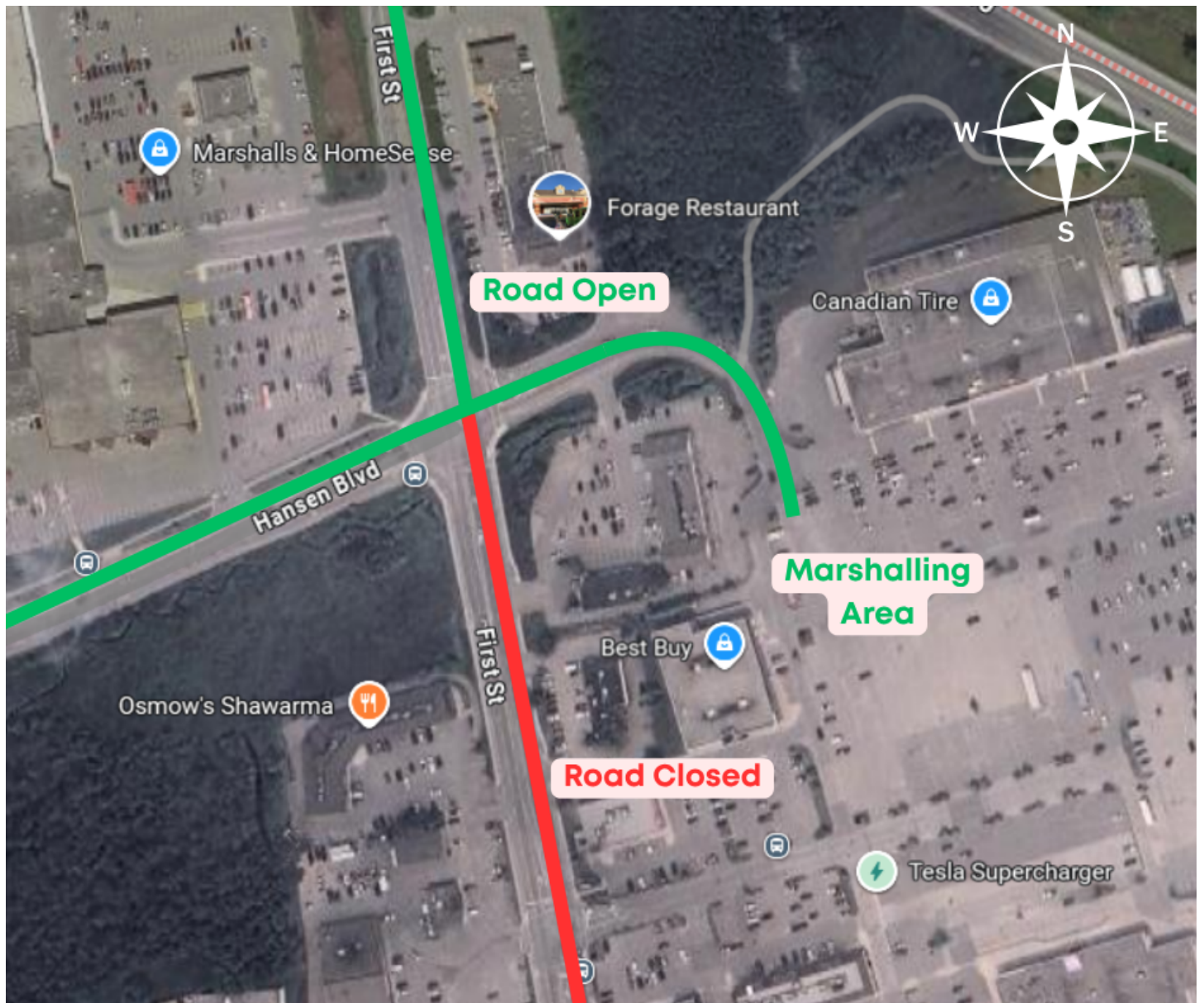
Attached, you will find a map of the staging area. Please take a moment to locate your staging spot.

Check-in and marshalling area

Floats are required to check-in with parade coordinators in the **Canadian Tire** parking lot. Upon arrival you will be given a package which includes your float number. Please put your float number on the passenger side dashboard so it is visible to the judges. Staff will be identifiable by reflective vests and festive lights. To help alleviate congestion, please arrive at the time indicated above (arrival time to marshalling area). **Floats are to enter the check-in area from Hansen or First Street onto Hansen going east toward Canadian Tire.**

Only the main float contact and/or driver is required to check-in. **For details on additional participant drop-off, see below.**

Once checked in, floats will be directed to the marshalling area for staging. Please follow signage and the direction of staff who will arrange floats in the appropriate order. All floats should be parked facing **west** (towards Best Buy).



Float inspection

A float inspector will visit you to complete your float inspection and ensure that you've followed all parade rules, including:

- If there is a generator on board, there must be a Class C fire extinguisher (specifically a CO2 extinguisher).
- If you have people riding on your float, safety measures must be in place including a railing (minimum 2 feet high), with walkers on each side to ensure no one falls off.
- Signs and decorations must be properly secured.
- Taillights must be operational.

Please review the inspection checklist in detail, prior to arriving. Any floats that do not meet the minimum safety requirements will not be permitted to participate.

Participant drop-off

Additional float participants (walkers, etc.), are to be dropped off in the Leon's parking lot and walk to the marshalling area. As there will be many road closures in the area, the best way to get there is from Highway 10 onto 5th Avenue.

Parking will be extremely limited. Please be cautious in this area as the parking lot remains open to shoppers. Parents should accompany children to their float.



Parade route

The parade route begins at First Street and Hansen Boulevard. Floats will head south on First Street toward Broadway. Floats will turn left on Broadway and continue east before turning up Fourth Street. The parade route is approximately 45 minutes. Floats will disembark at Rotary Park.



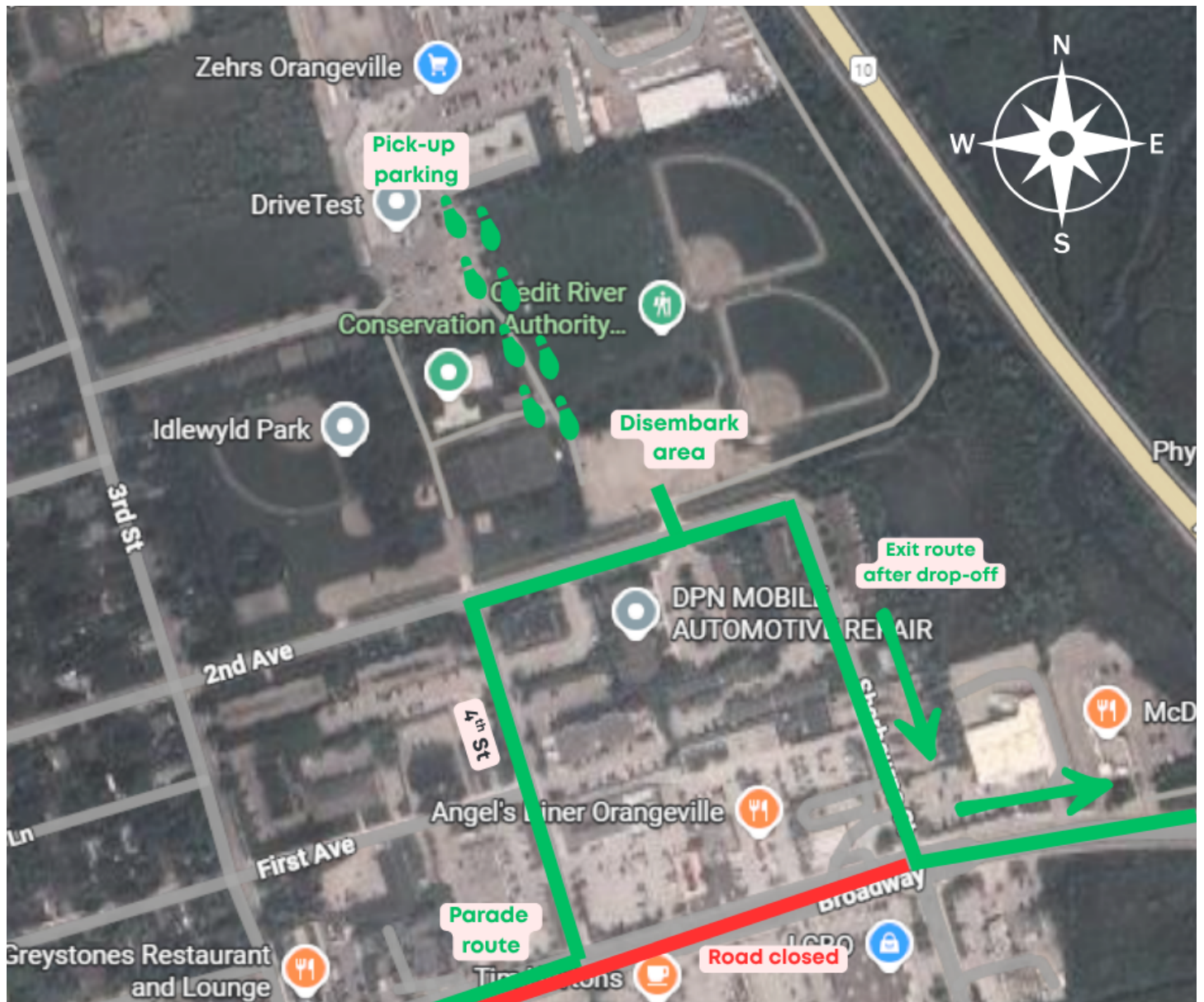
Float disembark / participant pick-up

Floats will disembark at the Rotary Park parking lot. Volunteers, OPP and security will be on-site to help direct traffic. Please enter the parking lot and complete a full circle of the perimeter before pulling into a spot to disembark.

Larger vehicles may remain on Second Avenue to disembark, if required, but must clear the road quickly and safely. Participants disembarking on Second Avenue should exit on the south side of the road.

Parking for participant pick-up is in the Orangeville Square (Zehrs, DriveTest, etc.) parking lot. Walk through Rotary Park to meet participants. Parking in the Rotary Park lot is not permitted.

Please exercise caution in the Rotary Park area as lighting is limited, and there will be many vehicles and participants.



Remember:

- Dress warmly!
- The parade will go ahead regardless of the weather - rain, shine, or snow!
- Be patient with others.
- Drive safely.
- Respect your fellow floats and cheer each other on!
- Keep an extra watchful eye on our younger parade participants.

Finally, enjoy the parade! It is a wonderful community event that ignites the spirit of the holidays in Orangeville!

Thank you for your participation!

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