

Springtime Tallahassee Parade 2015

Saturday, March 28, 2015

This is the information that CARE gave to the volunteers prior to the Springtime Tallahassee Parade. We had a really good volunteer turnout (18 volunteers) and were able to bring all adoptable dogs and some dogs who were previously in CARE (adopted by staff members - ex: Dr. Cavell brought Jack, etc). Everyone met at NAH to get t-shirts, sign in, and eat breakfast (bagels). Walking from Northwood to the staging area worked really nicely. We had two wagons (Dr. Brown's and Dr. Brumfield's) for water (both for dogs and volunteers), candy to pass out, and as a place to pile volunteer jackets, dog toys, poop bags, CARE brochures, etc. Next year I would be more careful to count the number of seats in each car and the number of volunteers/dogs we have. We ended up very squished with the wagons & dogs in the cars as well. Before the parade started we took a group picture with our CARE banner and took the adoptable dogs around to get pictures with other groups in the parade (ex. with the Elvis impersonators and other people in cool costumes). This made for some really cute Facebook posts - make sure to get volunteers in these pictures when possible! Although we did not get any donations before/during the parade, overall the parade was well received by the dogs, volunteers, and public. We even found one dog (Bo) a home with one of the parade spectators!

Timeline:

- 7:45am: Meet at Northwood Animal Hospital to pick up the dogs and carpool to the parade
 - Please arrive at 7:45am so that we can make sure all volunteers are properly signed in, given t-shirts for the event, and all the dogs are ready to go on time.
 - Come hungry! We'll have breakfast for all volunteers :o)
- 8:15am: Leave Northwood
 - We will walk from NAH to our staging area - #46, On Monroe street, at the intersection of third avenue and Monroe, across the street from Signaramana -- see map below
 - We will take several vehicles to the end of the parade (The Donald Tucker Civic Center) to park so that we don't have to walk back -- see map below. Parking is \$8 per vehicle - covered by CARE.
- 9:00am: Parade marshall final walk through - everyone must be at our staging area by this time
- 10:30am: Parade officially starts

- After the parade we will carpool back to Northwood
- 2:00pm: All vehicles must be moved from the Donald Tucker Civic Center parking lot before this time or you will be towed.

What to wear:

- Closed toed shoes - you will be walking a lot (3-4 miles total)!
- Appropriate khaki pants/shorts -- No revealing attire please!!!
- Sunscreen
- You will be loaned a CARE t-shirt to wear for the event (must be returned to Northwood after the parade). After volunteering 10 hours the shirt will be yours to keep, or you may purchase it at any volunteer shift for \$14.

What will volunteers be doing during the parade?

- Walking the CARE dogs :)
- Passing out candy -- Please note: parade regulations state that we are not allowed to throw anything over-hand or into the crowd. Candy can be gently tossed under-hand only. Make sure to walk close enough to the crowd that kids aren't scrambling out into the street for a piece of candy.
- Clean-up crew (aka. the super dooper pooper scoopers) - Everyone behind us in the parade will thank you

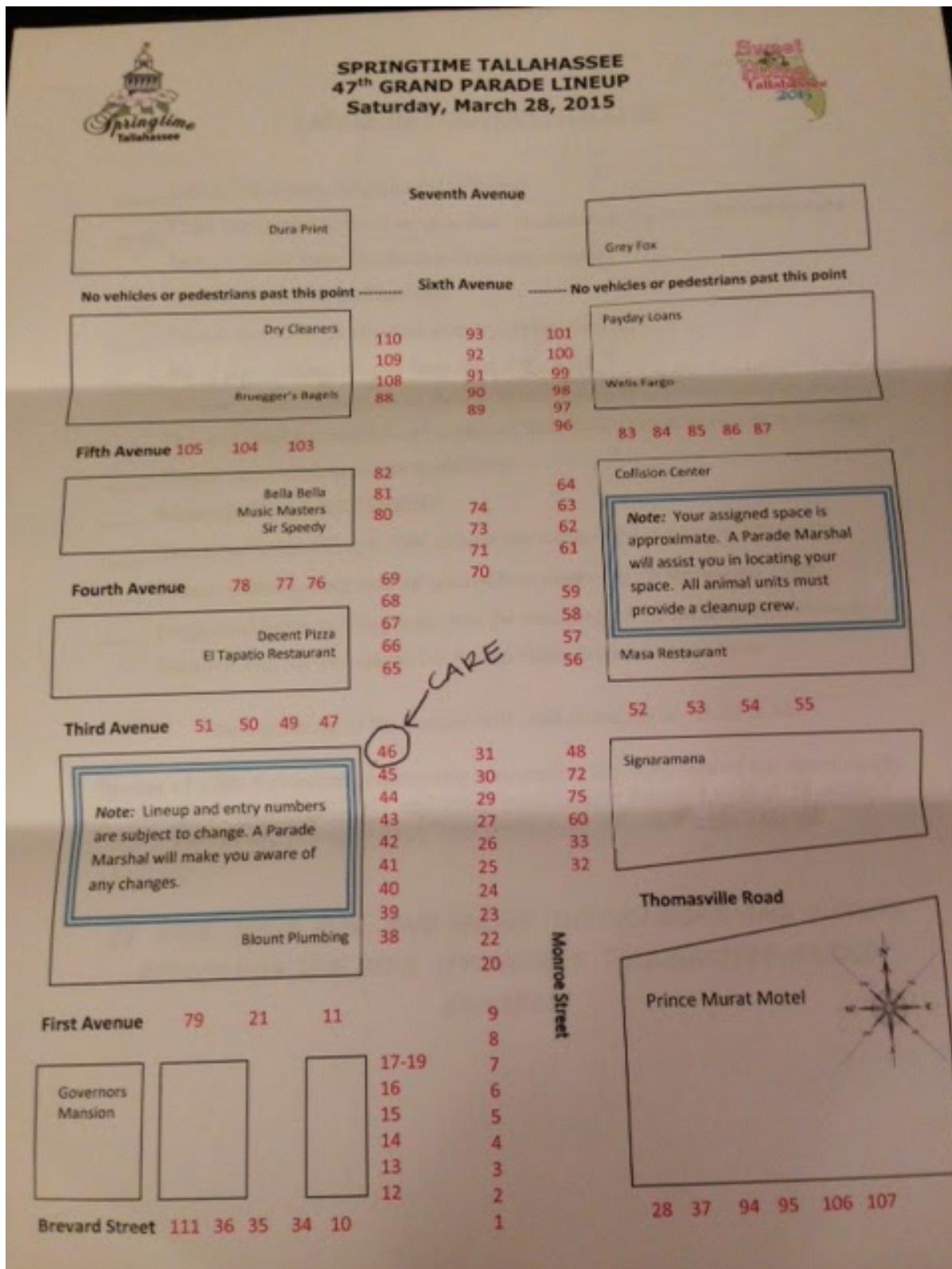
Contact Information:

- Northwood Animal Hospital (850) 385-8181

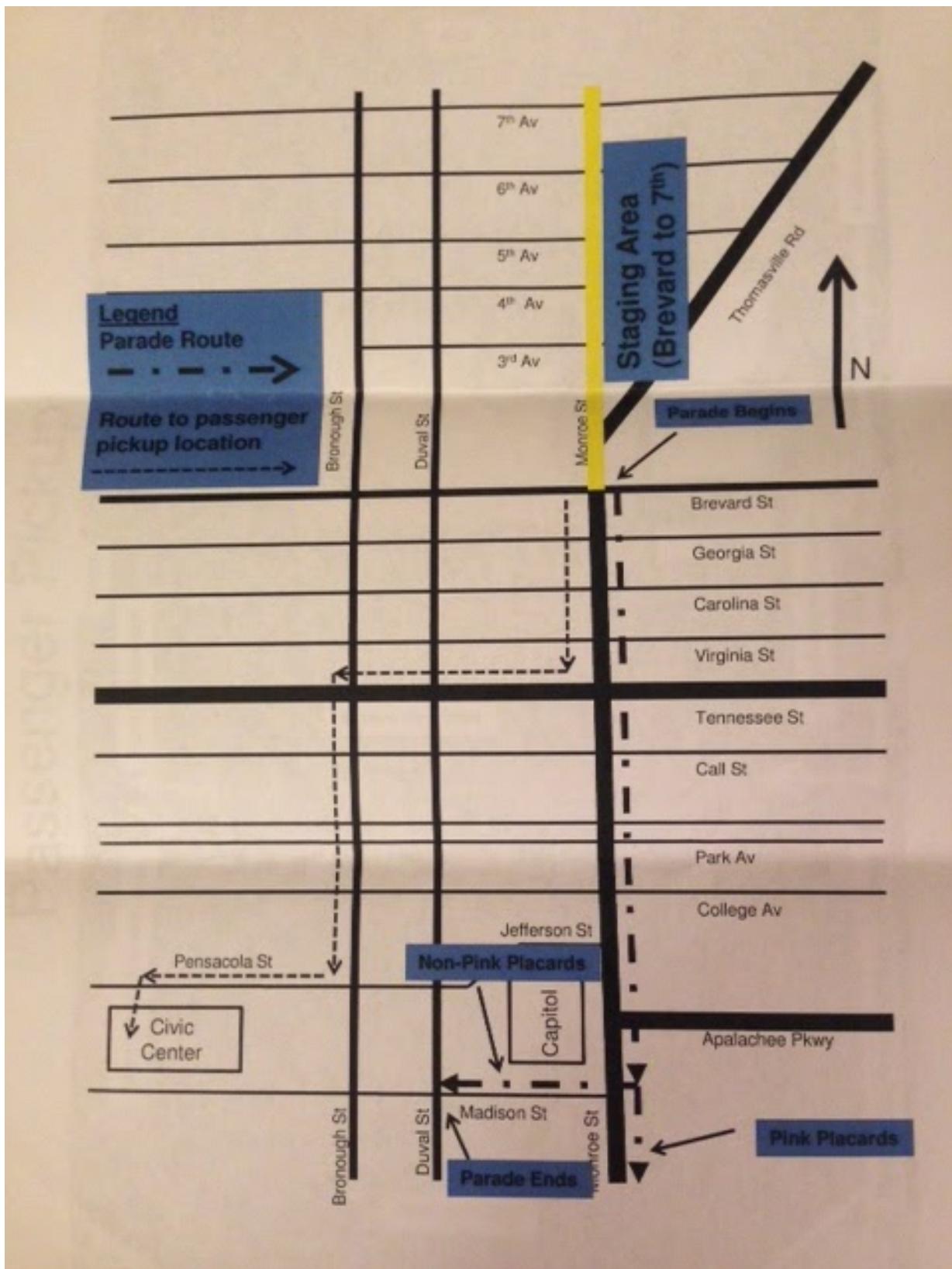
Misc:

- Please bring a water bottle, hat, etc with you.
- All valuables should be left locked in your car at Northwood Animal Hospital (or at home).
- If everyone enjoys the parade this year CARE is considering entering a float in the 2016 parade. If you have fun this year and think that would be a good idea, please let Dr. Crutchfield know.

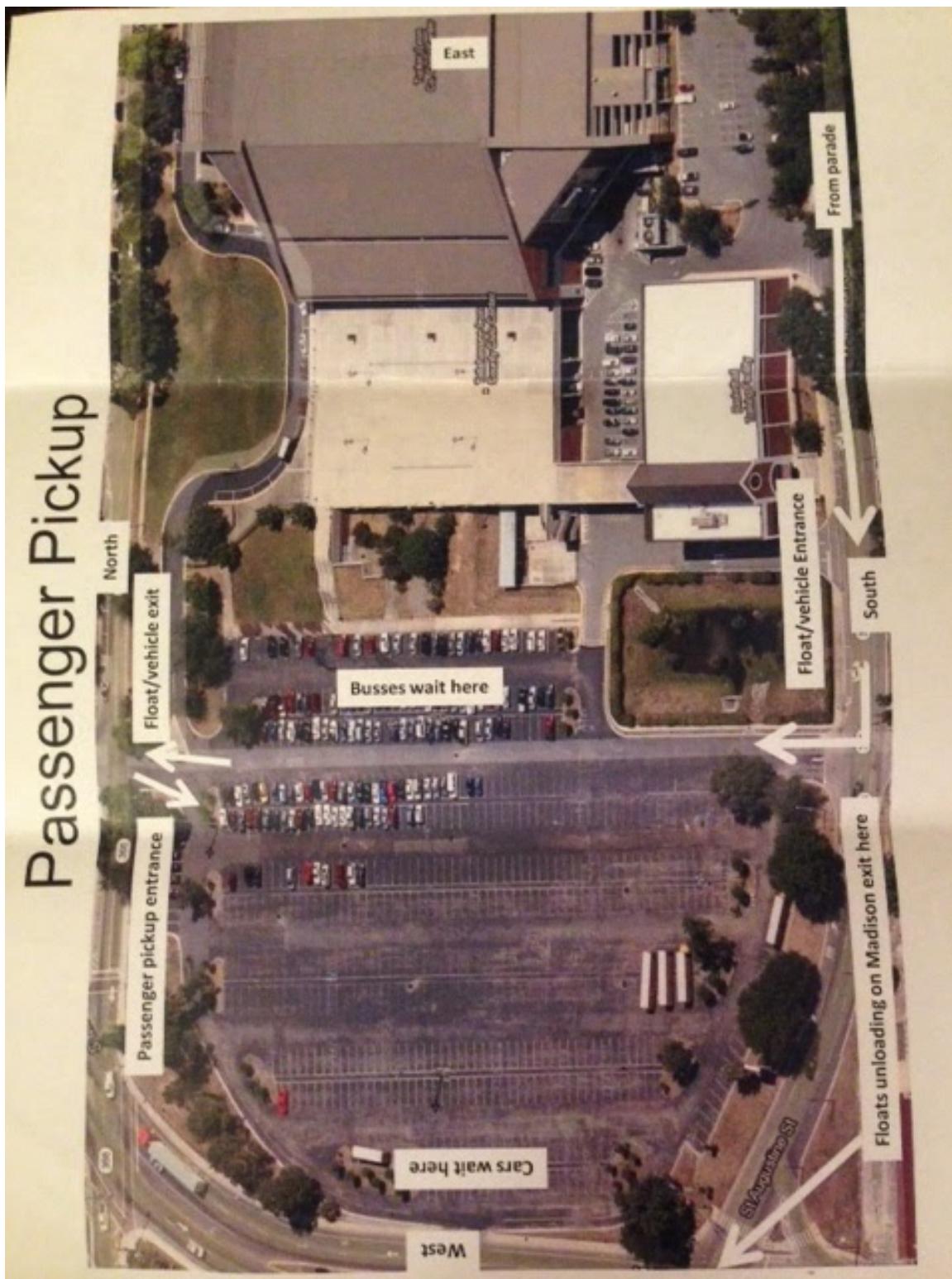
Staging Area Lineup - CARE is #46



Map from staging area to parking (Donald Tucker Civic Center)



Organization of parking at the civic center



Thank you for volunteering with CARE!
We're going to have a great time at the parade!