

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

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RAINBOW WELCOMING MINISTRY



JAX RIVER CITY PRIDE PARADE • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

INFORMATION UPDATE FOR BBUUC FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WE STILL NEED MORE ITEMS!

Whether you are able to join us for the Parade or not, you can still help! *We are in need of the following items:*

Any protest signs you'd like to donate for our float decoration (no profanity)

Zip Ties • Painters Tape • Rope • LGBTQIA+ Flags

(You can drop these supplies off at the church on Sunday 9/28, or Saturday 10/4)

At what time should we arrive at Willowbranch Park to participate?

- Floats/Cars/Buses over 30 feet must arrive by 10 AM. Those coming to decorate the float come by 10 AM.
- Everyone else must arrive by 11 AM.
- Staging will end promptly at 12:30 PM.
- The Parade begins at 2PM sharp.
- If you are late, you will lose your designated spot and be added to the end of the parade.
- Information Tent: Located at the Willow Branch Library for check-in, questions, and assistance.

Where is the staging for the Parade?

- Staging begins on Park and Cherry Street, at Willowbranch Park
- You will find signs with your number **(26)** where you will need to line up your group.
- Information tent will be by Willowbranch Library.

Where does the Parade end?

- The Parade will end on Historic Five Points.
- Your group can reunite at Riverside Park if necessary.

What about parking and getting back to my car?

There is no official participant parking. Please plan accordingly and consider carpooling or rideshare options. We suggest that you park your vehicle at Riverside Park or the surrounding area near Five Points. If you leave your car at Willowbranch Park, you will have to catch a ride back from Five Points. To make it easier to park in the Five Points/Riverside Park area, Ed Spade and Robert Clark have offered to shuttle members from their park to Willowbranch Park where the parade will begin. You can call or text them the morning of the Parade, email them prior to the day of the parade to arrange for a ride. Their contact info is in Breeze.



Important Tips

This year we are taking extra safety precautions, and no one will be allowed to march on the Parade route unless they have the necessary designated security wristband on them. Ed Spade will be handling the distribution of the pink wristbands assigned to us, and every participant in our group must have one in place before the Parade begins.

- Wear weather-appropriate comfy clothes, and comfy walking shoes/sneakers.
- Maintain a steady, walkable pace with no gaps in front of you and keep up with the group a head of you.
- You will be expected to line up at the number predesignated for your group. You may not change placements. BBUUC's number is 26.
- This event will take place rain or shine.
- Please be kind to our earth and our neighbors and pick up any trash from your group.
- This is a family friendly event, so no inappropriate language or behavior.

Checklist

- ☐ Make sure you eat a good breakfast and lunch.
- ☐ Make sure to bring a bottle of water. BBUUC will have additional drinking water available on the float in a cooler.
- ☐ Make sure you wear sunscreen if needed.
- ☐ Hats and sunglasses can protect you from the sun.
- ☐ ***Make sure to show your PRIDE with your outfit.***
- ☐ If carrying banners/signs make sure they are not too heavy and that you switch people during the Parade, so no one gets too tired.



Other Rainbow Welcoming Ministry Updates!

Tshirts are officially in! You're able to pick up your RWM Tshirt:

Sunday (9/28) from Hunter at the table that will be set up before and after Sunday service
OR

Saturday (10/4) at church from 11am-1pm

FINAL Rainbow Welcoming Ministry Meeting Before the PRIDE PARADE!

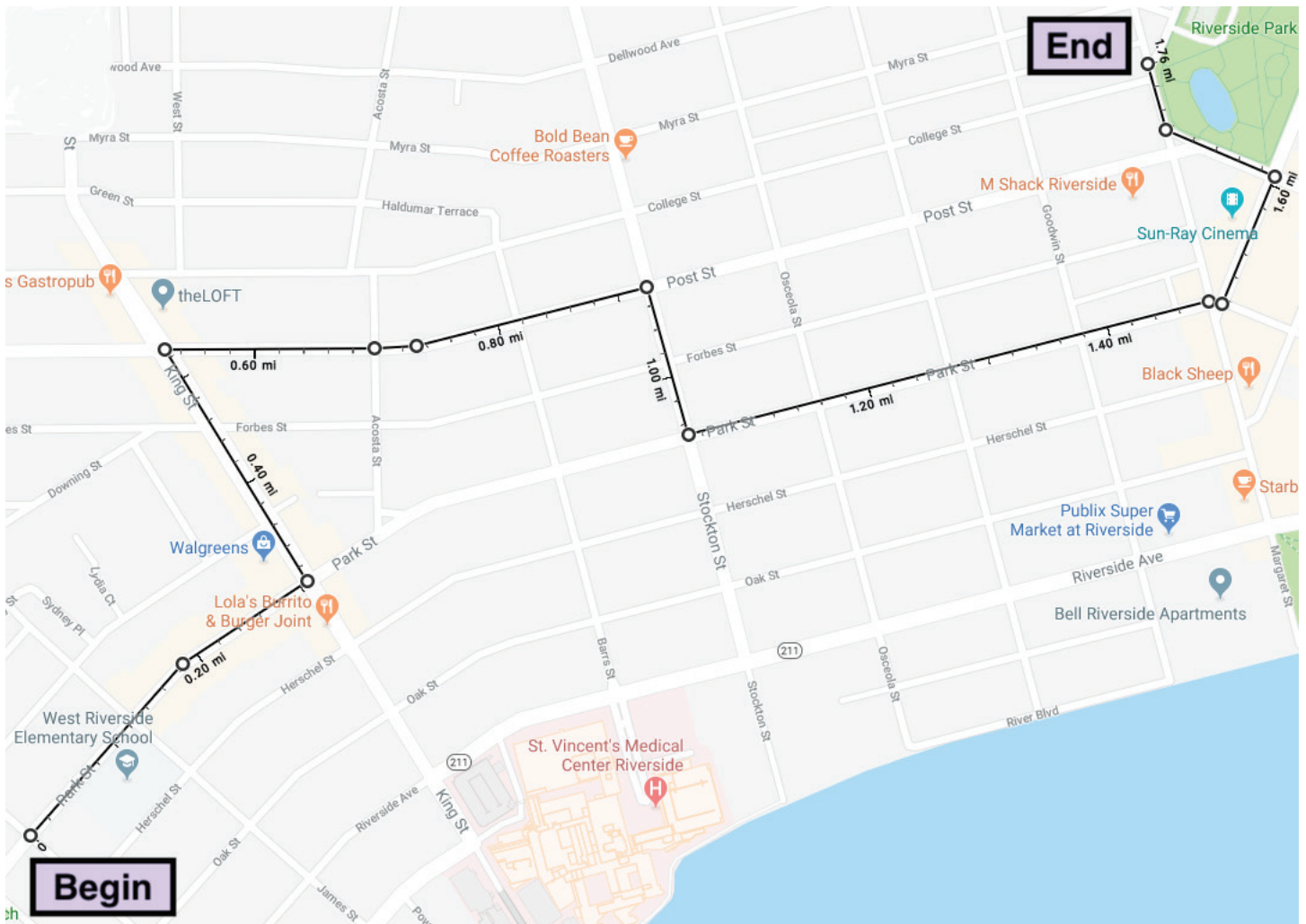
Monday, 9/29, Zoom meeting at 7pm

We will be going over final details for the Parade on 10/5

Zoom details can be found on BBUUC calendar:

or request the link and passcode from Welcoming_Rainbow@bbuuc.org

In community,
Your Rainbow Welcoming Ministry Team

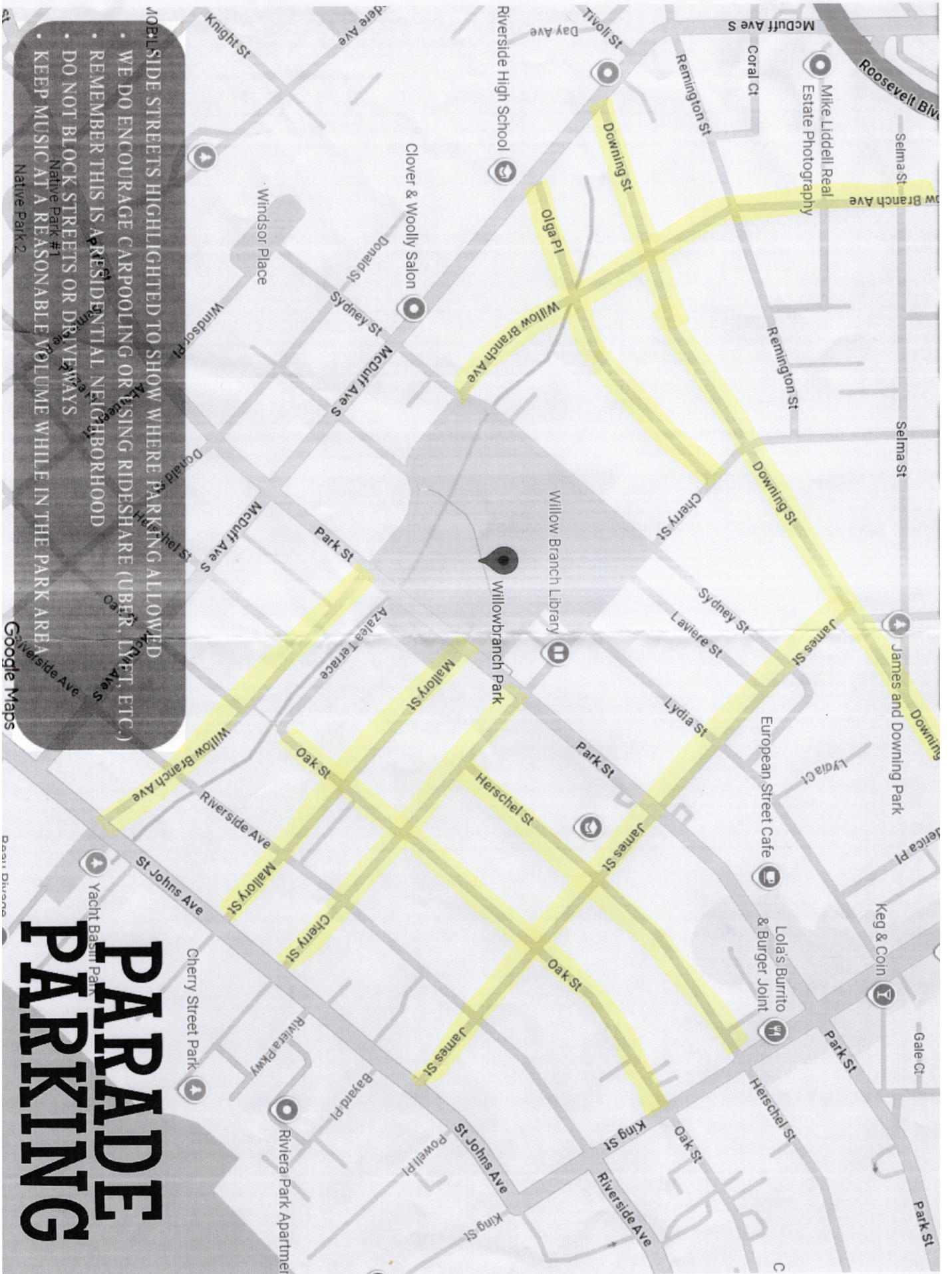


JAX RIVER CITY PRIDE 2025 PARADE ROUTE

The Jax River City Pride Parade is a 1.5-mile celebration through Jacksonville's Historic Avondale, Riverside, and 5 Points neighborhoods, bringing thousands together in a powerful display of unity and pride.

Kicking off at Historic Willow Branch Park—the site of Jacksonville's first LGBT Pride Picnic in 1978—the parade winds through the city, drawing enthusiastic supporters along the route.





JOBSIDE STREETS HIGHLIGHTED TO SHOW WHERE PARKING ALLOWED

- WE DO ENCOURAGE CARPOOLING OR USING RIDESHARE (UBER, LYFT, ETC.)
- REMEMBER THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD
- DO NOT BLOCK STREETS OR DRIVEWAYS
- KEEP MUSIC AT A REASONABLE VOLUME WHILE IN THE PARK AREA

PARADE PARKING