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**Kansas City celebrates World Series win!**

***Public invited to parade and victory celebration in downtown KCMO***

***#RoyalCelebration***

The City of Kansas City, Missouri and the Kansas City Royals invite all fans to a Royal Celebration for our World Champion team.

The 2.3 mile-long parade starts at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 3. The parade steps off on Grand Boulevard between the Sprint Center and the Kansas City Power & Light District and heads north to Ninth Street. It turns east to Oak, then goes south to Truman, then west back to Grand. After circling through the downtown business district, the parade continues south on Grand to Pershing Road. The parade turns west on Pershing Road to Union Station. The Victory Rally stage will be located in front of Union Station, with viewing opportunities on the north lawn of the National WWI Museum and Memorial. The Victory Rally will start at approximately 2 p.m., shortly after the end of the parade arrives.

Watch Kansas City Mayor Sly James and Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders issue the invitation to the parade and celebration: <https://youtu.be/rfUYgh3X9m8>

See attached map below of the parade route. For complete information, including parking areas, please go to [www.VisitKC.com/RoyalCelebration](http://www.VisitKC.com/RoyalCelebration)

### **Spectator information:**

- Watch the parade anywhere along the route. Excellent viewing spots include Ilus Davis Park and Washington Square Park. Barricades will line the entire route along the curb. Pedestrian crossings will be marked by balloons, but closed while the parade is in progress.
- Watch the celebration in front of Union Station from the south parking lot, Pershing Road (which will be closed) or the lawn of the National WWI Museum and Memorial. The staging will be similar to the annual "Celebration at the Station" event.
- Arrive early to allow time to find a spot. This is a family-friendly event, and fans are reminded that public consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Please remember that it's best to travel light and to not bring bags or backpacks.
- Officially Licensed World Series Championship Merchandise will be available at the following locations: in front of Union Station, in Ilus Davis Park north of City Hall near 10th & Oak, and near the Kansas City Power & Light District.

### **Transportation and parking:**

Transit providers will offer FREE Parade Express service directly to the Royal Celebration from Kemper Arena, Country Club Plaza, Metro North, 47<sup>th</sup> & State, Red Bridge, Swope Park and Strang Line park & ride. <http://ridekc.org/news/parade>

- FREE bus service is being offered on all local, express and shuttle service that connects to downtown. This includes KCATA, IndeBus, Unified Government Transit and Johnson County Transit (710 K-10 connector excluded).
- This service will run from 9 a.m. until two hours after the celebration ends.
- Parking is available in a few pay lots and garages close to the parade and celebration: [www.visitkc.com/royalcelebration#parking](http://www.visitkc.com/royalcelebration#parking)
- Spectators are advised to carpool or use public transportation. On-street parking is extremely limited near the parade and celebration.
- B-Cycle will be free for the first 30 minutes of each bike share ride for bicycle transportation. B-cycle has 12 downtown locations.

### **Street closures:**

- Grand Boulevard between 8th and 27th streets (plus side streets to Grand from Walnut or McGee) Crown Center parking via Grand Blvd. will remain accessible.
- Oak Street between 8th and 16th Streets (plus side streets to Oak from Locust Street)
- Truman Road between Locust Street and Walnut Street
- Pershing Road between McGee and Broadway Street/Archives Way
- Main Street between 20th and 27th streets
- Kessler Road from Pershing to the west side entrance of The National WWI Museum and Memorial

Many thanks to the Royal Celebration and Victory Parade sponsors: The City of Kansas City, Missouri, The Kansas City Royals, Jackson County, Kansas City Area Chevy Dealers, Commerce Bank, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, Kansas City Steak Company, Pepsi, Sprint Center, Union Station, The National WWI Museum and Memorial, Kansas City Power & Light District, JE Dunn Construction, James B. Nutter, Ivy Funds, Budweiser, Hy-Vee, KPMG LLP and the University of Kansas Hospital.

FOX 4 and FOX Sports Kansas City are the Official Broadcast Partners of the Royal Celebration. FOX Sports Kansas City will televise live the Royal Celebration parade and victory rally.

The Royal Celebration planning team was led by the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission and O'Neill Marketing & Event Management with assistance from the Kansas City Royals and many City of Kansas City departments, including Kansas City Parks & Recreation, Police, Fire, Public Works, and the City Manager's Office, as well as Visit KC & the Downtown Council.