



Fall 2011 Parade

The Love Where You Live team has been working diligently all summer to prepare for the upcoming fall 2011 October 1 & 2 Love Where You Live Service Day and Block Party. In an effort to ignite a spirit of enthusiasm for these events, city staff along with partners from Forman and Meadows Elementary and Armstrong Middle School worked to coordinate the first Love Where You Live promotional Parade.

The Plan

Love Where You Live partners hoped to have 30-50 kids from the Love Where You Live project area schools (Meadows, Forman, and Armstrong) play an active and vital role in the upcoming project. During one planning meeting Caroline Keller, a Forman Elementary teacher recommended a parade throughout the neighborhood to help promote the Oct 1 & 2 events! The team thought it was a wonderful idea and began setting the plans in motion!

Parade Outcome

The first Love Where You Live parade was held on Saturday, September 24 from 10:00AM – 11:30AM. Parade participants comprised of kids, parents, area residents, city council, city staff, and neighborhood police officers marched throughout the Meadows neighborhood with balloons, noisemakers, candy, and signs chanting “Love Where You Live”! As the parade progressed, some residents who were doing lawn work and washing their cars joined in the parade! While the parade commenced, students from Collin College Serves team distributed block party reminder flyers and visited with area residents about their premise identification needs!

The parade was a huge success and we hope it inspired area residents to attend the October 2 block party – a party celebrating *their* neighborhood – to fellowship with the Love Where You Live team!

Acknowledgements

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Neighborhood Police Officers Unit – thanks to Officer Jennifer Chapman and the other members of the NPO Unit who provided a safe escort for the parade participants!

Collin Serves students from Collin College who distributed the October 2 Block Party reminder flyers – your presence in the parade was welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Councilmember Andre Davidson who lead the parade with teachers, city staff, and residents – thank you for always showing your encouragement and support for Love Where You Live!

To all participants – city staff, residents, and other Love Where You Live partners – thanks for your support and attending this exciting event! We look forward to you helping us carry this enthusiasm forward to the Oct. 1 & 2 events and beyond!

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