

Amma's Homa
parking system / sapphire elementary school
coordinated by karen & tejas 2016

(by purnima 2013-15)

all parking crew are graciously requested :

- **our mission** : to represent ananda ashram with our genuine kind and loving spirit, to help all guests feel welcomed, comfortable and safe, to be courteous no matter what comes.

- to carry your mobile phone, fully charged, & have one another's cell #s (if possible).
- to meet at **7:15 am in front of the healing center / to be confirmed** to get your parking signs & instructions.

- to be at your 'posts' by **7:30 am / to be confirmed**.
- to fully respect the traditional nature of this event, we request all parking brigade members to dress modestly (no bare shoulders, chests or knees), preferably in white. traditional / semi-traditional indian dress is welcomed but not required. thank you !

- it is expected to be a very hot day, and you may be at your positions up to 10 am. we recommend bringing a full water bottle, an umbrella and/or hat for protection from the direct sun and a folding chair. (five folding chairs have been put in the healing center for this purpose; please be sure to take them back to the blue sky center after use.)

the following are the **parking system stations** (from 2013-15) :

1. **main ashram campus** – within main campus

- **our mission** : to direct & line vehicles up.
- volunteer – dinesha

2. **ashram 1st driveway** ('exit' / nearest corner) – *all* traffic will enter here.

- **our mission** : to prevent unnecessary parking on main campus & to direct those that are exceptions (see below).

- generally : cars are to be kindly redirected to sapphire elem school for parking. (most cars will have been guided there already by parking brigade on harriman hts rd.)

- exceptions :

Amma's car !

cars with **elders or physically challenged** – including possibly our own George Bailin & a number of devotees from Amma's NY Satsang. Drivers may be politely requested to park at Sapphire Elem School after dropping passengers off at Homa site.

food delivery truck.

- **important note** : can someone please remove the pillar's '**exit**' sign in advance (sat.)?
- **important note** : the person stationed at this entrance needs to please move the **saw horse** into position to block the 2nd drive early sun morning before the start of his/her duty. thank you !

3. ashram 2nd driveway ('main entrance' / across from mail boxes) – no entry here.

- **our mission** : to prevent entry to main campus via the ashram's main entrance.
- **early sun morning, saw horse** needs to be positioned at end of driveway to block entry. the person stationed at #2 position (ashram 1st driveway) needs to move saw horse into position before taking his/her station at the 1st driveway.

4. corner of sapphire road / harriman heights road

- **our mission** : to direct cars to the elementary school parking lot instead of the ashram and to guide pedestrians moving in either direction, to 1st ashram driveway and Homa or to the school.

5. harriman heights road at entrance to sapphire elementary driveway

- **our mission** : to guide cars into the school parking lot.
- person at this station will hold sign with Amma's picture and arrow pointing into the lot. (stand facing route 17 direction / back to sapphire road / facing oncoming traffic.)

6. inside sapphire parking lot – standing facing the road at the circle

- **our mission** : to direct cars to the right-hand side of the lot (when facing the school; it will be the attendant's left) for parking, keeping the area on the left open for the charter bus.
- parking extends behind the school all around the building. there is space for *lots* of parking.
- if the right side of the lot gets filled far to the back, for our guests' ease the attendant can begin to direct traffic to the left side of the lot (the attendant's right side), keeping the first segment clear for the charter bus.

end of parking brigade seva

- event organizers expect a phone call to inform them when Amma is on the way. Approximately 10 minutes before her arrival (or as close as we can come to that!), the brigade leader will be informed by phone that Amma's on the way. all parking brigade sevites

are then free to leave their stations and go to the event.

- sometimes the phone call from Amma's driver doesn't come, in which case when you see Amma's car, your seva is complete. coordinate with team leader, then leave your posts and come to the event.

- sometimes there are a number of false alerts. either Amma's driver gets lost or other circumstances intervene. in such a case there will be a follow-up call to the brigade leader.

- if Amma has not arrived by 10 am, most guests will have arrived. the parking brigade is automatically dismissed at 10 and can come to the event.

- please bring the folding chair back to the healing center or, better yet, to the blue sky center (from which it came). please don't leave any of your things or any waste at your station.

- you may want to have someone reserve you a space to sit at the Homa. there will be a lot of people, and you have offered your service to this beautiful program. we want you to be comfortable and to be able to sit where you wish. we will have extra 'reserved' signs. they will be kept in the main house in radha's mail box (most upper left). you can have someone take one and put it on a chair or where you would like to sit. sometimes keeping a blanket or something with it good. with the crowd, however, we cannot make any promises about personal belongings left unattended or even reserve signs. best if you have a buddy to keep an eye on your space.

thank you very, very much !

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