

# July 4th Parade

## Participant Instructions and Rules

Please work with us to keep the parade as enjoyable as possible for everyone and to keep the parade true to its original intent to allow the entire town to participate in an event that celebrates our town, state and country.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### **PARADE ROUTE**

The parade starts at Depot Road, proceeds down Ayer Road to Town Hall and along Mass Ave to the library.

#### **PARADE DROP OFF**

Participants on foot can be dropped off at Depot Road across from Hillside Garage and walk down Depot Road to join their organization. Parking is not allowed at the garage. Participants can also join from the other end of Depot Road, Under Pin Hill Road. Since participants will be lined up along Depot Road, cars will not be allowed to transit the road between Ayer Road the Transfer Station, due to safety concerns.

#### **PARADE LINEUP**

Participants can begin arriving at Depot Road at 9:30. They will be directed to their position in the parade by a volunteer. All participants should be in place by 10:45. The parade will be called to start at 11:00.

#### **ANTIQUÉ CARS**

Antique cars will be stationed at the Town Hall and will join the parade from there.

#### **PROGRESSION**

While the parade is in progress be mindful of the other participants in the parade. Keep moving at an appropriate speed to allow walkers to keep up.

Those wishing to dispense candy along the route please be aware of small children dashing out onto the roadway to grab the candy. Throwing candy gently or handing it to small children ensures that all are safe.

#### **PARADE END**

The parade ends at the library field. Participants can disperse at this point. Parents of children in the parade can pick up their children and proceed to the July 4th events area in front of the library.

### RULES

#### **DRIVERS**

Operators of motor vehicle in the parade must have a valid operator's license and insurance.

#### **CHILDREN**

Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of their children. Those walking in the parade must be under the supervision and direction of a responsible adult at all times. All entries in which children are to be a part are to be made by an adult, who assumes, by virtue of placing the entry, full responsibility for the safety and action of the children participating in their event.

## **DECORATIONS, SIGNS AND MUSIC**

Parade entries may have decorations of any kind and size. This can include banners and signs.

If you plan to broadcast music (e.g., from a float) make sure the parade organizers are aware of this, so you can be positioned appropriately in the parade.

## **SAFETY**

Parade participants will not engage in behavior that unreasonably endangers the safety of any person at the event. This includes riding or clinging to a vehicle or float in a manner likely to cause injury. Riders should have the ability to sit in a safe place on a vehicle or float or hold on to a secure structure.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed to be consumed at any time by parade participants during the parade.

Unmanned or manned drones or other flying devices are strictly prohibited during the parade.

Participants are responsible for maintaining order and responding to any order by parade officials or law enforcement personnel relating to their entry. Failure to comply will result in the removal of the participants from the parade.

Parade entries agree to abide by all rules, instructions and decisions made by parade officials or law enforcement personnel. Failure to abide by rules, instructions and decisions are grounds for removal from the parade.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

If you must cancel your entry, please alert Pam Marston at 508-331-2589.

## **WEATHER POLICY**

This is a rain or shine event, except in the case of severe inclement weather. You will be notified via email, phone call or text, if necessary, in the event of a cancellation.

Check our website or Facebook for cancellations. Every effort will be made to hold the event except in the case of severe inclement weather.