



Town of Merrimack

2023 Fourth of July Parade

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Information for Politicians & Political Groups

We are pleased to extend an invitation to local politicians and political groups to march in our Annual Fourth of July Parade which will be held on Tuesday, July 4th. The Town of Merrimack's Annual 4th of July Parade is organized by the Parks & Recreation Department and is one of the larger Independence Day Parades in the State of New Hampshire.

The Annual 4th of July Parade will begin promptly begin at 1:00 pm from the Commons Shopping Plaza located at 515 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack. The Parade travel south down Daniel Webster Highway, takes a right onto Baboosic Lake Road to travel past Mastricola Elementary School and then takes a left onto O'Gara Drive. The Parade concludes at Merrimack High School. The entire route is 1.5 miles long. All participants must be registered in advance and checked no later than 12:30 pm on the day of the Parade.

Please note that there are no shuttle buses to bring you from where the Parade ends back to where it begins. Many participants will pre-stage some vehicles at the end of the parade in advance and then shuttle members of the group to the Parade starting area

If you are currently an elected official representing New Hampshire, we welcome you to join us near the front of the Parade. If you would prefer to march with your supporters with campaign signs, floats, etc., then we would ask you to join them near the back of the Parade.

If you are running for a political office, you will be placed near the back of the Parade with the other political candidates and groups. Since New Hampshire currently has a Republican Governor, Republican Candidates will appear in the Parade lineup before Democratic Candidates. Candidates will be placed in alphabetical order within their political party. Other political organizations will be placed at the end of the Parade behind the Candidates.

If you have any questions regarding the Parade, please feel free to contact me at 603-882-1046 or by email at: mcasparius@merrimacknh.gov.

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of July!

Sincerely,

Matthew Casparius, CPRE

Director of Parks & Recreation



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About You and/or Your Organization

All paperwork, instructions, etc. will be sent to the person and address listed here, so please help us out by being accurate and clear!

Political Candidate or Organization Name: _____

Point of Contact Name _____

Political Party Designation: Democrat: ___ Republican: ___ Independent: ___ Other: ___

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

PLEASE NOTE: Email is our main method of contact. Please be sure the email listed above belongs to the person who should be receiving information relative to the parade logistics.

About Your Parade Entry

Type of Unit (i.e., Walking, Vehicle, Float): _____

Approximate Space Needed at LINEUP (NOT Marching Space): _____ feet

Number of Vehicles _____ Estimated Number of People in Unit _____

Are you a currently elected official representing the State of NH? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, would you like to march near the front of the Parade or would you like to march with your supporters at back of the Parade? (Please check) March in front _____ March with supporters _____

Will you be playing music? _____

Please describe special needs/requests, if any _____

Acknowledgment

I / we further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town of Merrimack and its employees or agents against loss or expense, including attorney's fees, except in the cases of sole negligence of the Town of Merrimack for loss or expense because of bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by any person or persons. It is further agreed that I / we, as participants, will maintain general liability and auto insurance for the parade entry.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Please return completed application to:
Merrimack Parks & Recreation, 116 Naticook Road, Merrimack, NH 03054
Email to: mcasparius@merrimacknh.gov Fax to: (603) 883-5335



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Parade Rules & Regulations

- **The Fourth of July Parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4th, 2023 and will begin at 1:00 pm**
- All parade entries are subject to approval by the Town and must be registered no later than Thursday, June 30th. Entries will be notified of acceptance prior to the parade.
- Floats must be safely assembled and proceed along the parade route with the highest standard of safety.
- Vehicle drivers are solely responsible for their own safety and that of their vehicle and must remain with the vehicle at all times.
- Vehicle drivers, trailers and vehicles must be properly licensed and inspected.
- Participants must obey police and parade officials at all times.
- Any participants riding on an ATV or bicycle must wear a helmet.
- Refusal to comply will result in immediate withdrawal from the parade.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed by parade float participants.
- This is a family friendly parade. As such, we expect that all floats will have appropriate displays. Parade officials have complete authority over the parade.

QUESTIONS

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