

**IMPORTANT PARADE SET-UP!**  
**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE!!**

Dear Parade Participant:

We are very pleased to have you participating in Plymouth's Fourth of July Parade. We have provided accessible routes to the parade assembly area for you (see map at end of this letter) and we have established rules which will ensure an enjoyable day for all concerned.

**Please retain this letter to use as a reference on the day of the parade and pass this along to everyone who is participating from your entry and be aware of the following:**

All participants will be lining up in the Cordage Park Commerce Center located at 10 Cordage Park (located approximately a half mile south of the old assembly area). Your division is indicated at the upper right hand corner of this document.

**Arrival time** to your designated assembly area is 8:00 A.M. SHARP. The parade will step off at 9:00 A.M sharp on July 4th. **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE LATE!!**

**ALL PARADE PARTICIPANT PARKING WILL BE IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE BACK OF CORDAGE PARK NEAR THE 1620 WINERY.T**

**HERE IS NO PARKING ALOUD IN THE FRONT OF CORDAGE PARK. THERE WILL BE VOLUNTEERS STATIONED TO ASSIST YOU.**

**The Assembly Area for each division** will be marked at the entrance to the Divisions with Roman Numerals I, II, & III. At the entrance to each assembly area please identify yourself to the resident marshal/volunteer who will provide you with your position within the Division.

**Parade Marshals** will be made up of July Fourth officials, identified by OFFICIAL July 4th Staff T-Shirts. Please be patient and obey their directions. Each Division will be assigned Marshals who will accompany that division along the parade route.

**The Parade** follows Route 3A South towards downtown Plymouth and turns left onto Water Street at Reliable Cleaners continuing on Water Street ending at the entrance to the State Pier where Mayflower II is moored.

**The Reviewing Stand** is located on Water Street, in front of the Governor Bradford Statute across from Coles Hill. Only bands and musical units are permitted to perform ONE musical number at the reviewing stand due to time constraints.

**Rain Date:** No rain date.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A 5K RACE PRECEDING THE PARADE. START TIME WILL BE 7:30 AM FROM STEPHENS FIELD.**

IN THE EVENT EMERGENCY VEHICLES NEED TO USE THE PARADE ROUTE ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND PARADE VEHICLES WILL CLEAR TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE STREET. AFTER EMERGENCY VEHICLES HAVE PASSED BY, DIVISIONS WILL RE-FORM AND WAIT FOR A SIGNAL FROM THE DIVISION MARSHAL TO PROCEED.

If you have any questions regarding the parade, please call me at (774) 454-7316. Thank you in advance for making this year's parade a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Metcalfe  
Parade Chairman

### **RESTRICTIONS**

1. Any parade participant wishing to distribute candy/items must do so by hand only. Candy or other items **MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM A VEHICLE** due to the danger of someone being injured while running into the street to retrieve it. ***INSURANCE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THROWING ANY ITEMS TO THE SPECTATORS FROM VEHICLES!***
2. **No** recorded or live broadcasting of political or commercial messages allowed
3. **No** distributing of leaflets, brochure, etc. of any kind.
4. **No** use of alcoholic beverages allowed before or during the parade march.
5. **Positions assigned in the parade order may not be changed.**
6. Any commercial vehicles entered in the parade **MUST BE DECORATED**
7. Politicians and Political entries will be limited to ONE vehicle, which must be decorated, and a maximum of 30 people. **There are to be NO LEAFLETS distributed.**
8. **No** water guns allowed.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parade's CODE OF CONDUCT is intended to help the Parade achieve its stated purpose, and to ensure a safe, secure and positive experience for Parade participants. As a non-profit community leader, July Fourth Plymouth Inc. is committed to being a responsible, caring partner within the Community. We uphold our reputation and image by observing the highest standards of legal and ethical conduct in our Fourth of July festivities.

By completing the application, and upon receipt of this packet, you agree to:

- Behave courteously towards each other and the diverse community represented by Plymouth and its surrounding towns. Entrants will conduct themselves with dignity and respect.
- Refrain from language or behavior which could reasonably be perceived as threatening, abusive, insulting, or lewd.
- Follow the instructions of Parade staff, volunteers and supporting Town Agencies and officials (e.g. PPD, PFD), from assembly to dispersal.
- Refrain from using the Parade as a platform to promote any agenda (Including using slogans, displaying signage or distributing literature supporting or opposing any specific governmental policy, political party, candidate, or elected official that could be reasonably considered demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior or speech deemed inappropriate).

Any violation deemed in opposition to the CODE OF CONDUCT and the spirit of the CODE OF CONDUCT during the July Four Plymouth Inc. Parade or July Four Plymouth Inc. activities will result in the participant being removed immediately from the activity/activities and banned from future participation in July Four Plymouth Inc. activity/activities.

## DIRECTIONS TO ASSEMBLY AREA

**Directions to assembly area:** Please refer to Map Attached for instructions on entry to Cordage Commerce Center for parade lineup

**From the North,** take Route 3 South, to Exit #18 marked Kingston. At the end of the ramp take a left (Rte. 3A South) towards Plymouth. Follow for approximately 2.5 miles. The entrance to Cordage Park Commerce Center, 10 Cordage Park is on the left. All divisions will enter here.

**From the West,** follow Route 44 into Plymouth (Note Route 44 turns into Samoset Street). Follow until you get to the intersection of Rte. 3A (Court Street). Take a left at this intersection onto Rte. 3A North and follow for approximately 2.5 miles. The entrance to Cordage Park Commerce Center, 10 Cordage Park is on the right. All divisions will enter here.

**From the South,** take Route 3 North to Exit #16. Take a right off the ramp and follow the directions from the West above.

## **GENERAL PARADE INFORMATION**

1. Portable Rest Rooms are available in the parking area, but are limited.
2. Please keep a short distance between you and the unit you are following, but not so much that there is a break in the parade. The only exception is the first unit in any division which should leave a longer space between itself and the unit ahead of it. Marshalls may ask you to speed up or slow down during the parade in order to keep the parade moving at a good pace.
3. We ask for your understanding in regards to your placement in the parade. Not everyone can be in the first division. All units are placed based on spacing needs for musical units as well as prior parade placement. We try to alternate placement each year to give all participants equal opportunity in each division.
4. Please READ AND UNDERSTAND the following restrictions that we must enforce during the parade. Participants not adhering to the following rules will be told to leave the parade route.
5. Prize winners will be listed on our website: [www.july4plymouth.com](http://www.july4plymouth.com) and all prizes will be arranged for pick up following the event or will be mailed to out-of-town winners.