

Information Sheet

2008 Hingham Fourth of July Parade

- Theme:** The theme for this year's parade is "Hingham Celebrates Learning".
- Timing:** The parade starts at Hingham High School at 10:00 am. **Please arrive at your staging location (see below) no later than 8:00 am. Judging of entries begins at 8:45 am.**
- Assembly:** *Floats and large vehicles* will assemble on the **right-hand side** of Pleasant Street. Please remind truck drivers to remain near their cabs at all times.
- Marchers* – please have a representative from your group check in at the registration table at the front of the High School-Pleasant St entrance where you will be directed to your staging area.
- Vehicles* will assemble in a designated area of the Hingham High School parking lot. Enter via Union St.
- Traffic:** Pleasant Street will be closed to thru traffic. Middle Street will be closed to thru traffic at 9:00am.
- Drop offs:** We recommend dropping participants off at the High School via Union St. and meeting them at the end of the parade in the Station Street parking lot. There will be some parking for participants in the far parking lot at the High School as well as Station St. **NO SHUTTLE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BACK TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.**
- If there are a large number of children participating on your float or in your group, please arrange a meeting time and place near the High School and designate an adult as a point person. When all children arrive, that adult can walk them to the float.
- What to bring:** Please remind all participants to bring plenty of water. Dehydration is a big threat to participants, especially the young and elderly.
- Parade guidelines:** The attached information sheet contains guidelines for the parade. Please review it with everyone participating in the parade.
- Awards** Will be made in four categories; Best of Parade, Most Patriotic, Most Unique, Most Beautiful

Thank you again for your participation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us using the information below.

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Parade Guidelines

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Thank you for participating in this year's 4th of July parade. We look forward to a wonderful, fun-filled day. Here is some general information and a few safety reminders:

- Bathrooms and telephones are available in the Hingham High School through the Union Street entrance
- Water will be available at the end of the parade. Please remember to bring water to stay hydrated during the parade
- Assign at least one adult from your organization to help enforce guidelines
- Please be considerate of local neighbors and their property
- Keep all children away from the roadway and aboard the floats. Dismounting and remounting are not allowed. Individuals must remain on the floats. Walkers must not walk in front of the float but to the side, out of the way of the vehicles
- Participants are not allowed to sit with their legs hanging over the edge of trailers/tailgates
- Parade begins promptly at 10:00a.m. Please arrive at your assembly location by 8:00a.m.
- PLEASE do not throw candy from vehicles. You may PASS it out. This is for everyone's safety. There have been injuries in the past and large vehicles cannot see small children when they dart out to grab that stray piece left behind. We would hate to have to suspend your future participation from the Parade for not following this safety reminder
- Please keep moving along the parade route, and stay as close to the participant in front of you, as safely as possible. It is your responsibility to remind your vehicle driver not to allow large gaps. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE
- Fundraising is not allowed except in support of the Hingham 4th of July parade

These guidelines are set forth to keep everyone as safe as possible. We want to thank you for making our Parade a favorite tradition in Hingham. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Many thanks again!!!