

# 2025 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE Friday, July 4th, 2025

## Bands and Acts - General Information and Rules

### Parade Theme for the 2025 Wakefield Independence Day Parade is “Patriotic – Celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> in Wakefield”

1. General Information All participants will go directly to check in at the Lakeside Office Park, 599 North Ave, Wakefield MA, no later than 3:00pm.
2. Parade Route: The Parade starts on North Ave in front of the Lakeside Office Park. Travels down North Ave and takes a left onto Church St. Then a right onto Main Street, where it ends at the Galvin Middle School.
3. Parade staging is at the Lakeside Office Park. Off North Ave, turn onto Willard Street, and it will bring you to the entrance to the Parking lot and Parade Check in Area where volunteers will show you where to stage.
4. Drop off at the Check in Area is from 12:30pm to 3:00pm, when North Avenue will be closed to vehicles. Buses will transport participants from Mikes Gym on the corner of Broadway and North Ave, and the Galvin Middle School The parade ends back at the Galvin Middle School.
5. Units with multiple participants, need to meet at another location and enter the parade line up as a group with your parade unit if possible.
6. All units with horses must have a cleanup team with them or they will not be allowed in the parade.
7. The Parade Coordinator reserves the right to remove any participant the committee considers inappropriate or a danger to spectators. No racial, religious, sexual orientation or ethnic slurs, explicit sexual content of any kind, as determined by the committee, will be tolerated.
8. **There is absolutely no throwing of anything from any participant per the rules in our insurance policy.** No handouts such as brochures, flyers or advertising will be allowed. All people riding on a vehicle must be secured to the vehicle or able to hold onto something while the vehicle is in motion. This is in consideration for the safety of both participants and spectators. Any group seen throwing or handing anything out will be immediately ejected from the parade and will not be allowed to participate the following year. Any participant that is told to leave the parade, but does not, will be banned from any and all future parades.
9. There is no walking on the side of vehicles for safety reasons. All participants not riding on the vehicle, may walk behind or in front of the vehicle.
10. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in where on the parade route. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed before or during the parade by participants or the driver of vehicles. Anyone seen consuming alcoholic beverages, will be reported to the Wakefield Police, and they will be removed from the parade line up.
11. No fundraising by any organization is allowed.
12. All towing vehicles and walking units must keep up with the pace of the parade.
13. For inquiries, please contact [info@julyparade.org](mailto:info@julyparade.org)