

**2022 WAKEFIELD INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**  
**Monday, July 4th, 2022**

**Politician or Candidate - Information and Application**

All Groups **MUST** arrive by 3:30PM

Parade Start: Lakeside Inn, 595 North Ave, Wakefield, MA 01880

Parade End: Galvin Middle School, 525 Main St, Wakefield, MA 01880

We are inviting you to march in this year's Wakefield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade as a politician or candidate. Below is a list of our policies/procedures for politicians for the parade. We are strict about our policies and failure to adhere to these policies and procedures will result in immediate ejection from the parade and forfeiture of participation fee.

- The fee for politicians/candidates in the parade is \$1,000. Donations above this are appreciated but not required. Fees are non-refundable and must be paid in full before July 4th.
- All politicians will be allowed to walk, along with no more than 9 additional supporters (10 people total per politician/candidate). These supporters may wear shirts supporting the candidate but may NOT carry individual signs (except for the only allowed banner) to support the candidate.
- All politicians are allowed **ONE** banner that must be approved in advance by the parade committee. This banner may say the candidate/politician's name and "Candidate" or "Representative" on it but nothing else. No slogans will be allowed on banners and allowance of banners in the parade is at the sole discretion of the parade committee. We encourage you to send us a picture of your banner before the parade to have it approved so there are no issues on parade day. You must also provide a pole or way to carry it, and your supporters walking with you must carry it during the parade. Sign carriers will not be provided.
- Call time for politicians is 3:30pm at the Lakeside Office Park (607 North Avenue, Wakefield). Participants are expected to park at Mike's Gym at the end of the parade route, where a shuttle bus will take you to the beginning of the parade. There is no shuttle bus after the parade. The line of march / order of the parade is at the sole discretion of the parade committee and requests for placement will not be taken. The parade starts at 5:00pm sharp.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO HANDOUTS, CANDY, OR LITERATURE MAY BE GIVEN OUT ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE.** If you are caught handing anything out along the parade route you will be immediately escorted out of the parade and will face a minimum \$5,000 fine by the WIDC.
- You are expected to remain moving through the parade route and not interrupt the flow of the parade. If you fall out of order or refuse to move, you will be removed from the parade.
- All politicians and supporters are required to walk the parade route. Absolutely no vehicle of any kind may be used in the parade. If you show up with a vehicle you will be asked to leave. Exceptions to this rule are rare and must be approved by the WIDC well in advance of parade day.

- Participation in the parade is at the discretion of the Wakefield Independence Day Committee. We may refuse admittance to the parade for any of the reasons listed above as well as any reason on parade day.

These are the policies and procedures of the parade committee and you and your supporters marching with you are expected to know and follow these procedures on parade day. If you do not follow these procedures, then you will be immediately removed from the parade and you will forfeit your fee. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Braid at [amy.braid@julyparade.org](mailto:amy.braid@julyparade.org) or the parade chairman, Brian Fox, at [foxbrian1017@yahoo.com](mailto:foxbrian1017@yahoo.com)

All politicians/candidates (not a representative) MUST sign and return the bottom of this form stating that they agree to the terms and conditions of their participation in the parade. Failure to submit this form before July 4th will result in denial of entry into the parade.

Thank you,  
Amy Braid

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## Application

Politician or Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this form, you acknowledge that your acceptance to this parade is subject to the approval of the Wakefield Independence Day Committee.

I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions and agree to abide by all parade rules and protocols during the event. I understand that failure to adhere to these protocols will result in my dismissal from the parade and forfeiture of my participation fee.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed application **no later than June 15th** to:  
WIDC, PO Box 1746, Wakefield, MA 01880 or email to [amy.braid@julyparade.org](mailto:amy.braid@julyparade.org)

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_