

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RULES

- **Per the City of Oceanside and the San Diego County Sheriff Department, no throwing, distributing, tossing, or handing out items to the crowd along the parade route (including candy, pamphlets, flyers, and brochures) OR any activity that would entice spectators onto the parade route from the curbside. Failure to comply will result in the IMMEDIATE disqualification of your entry.**

**NO PARKING IN THE STAGING AREAS UNTIL THE ROADS HAVE BEEN CLOSED (8:00 A.M.), THE BARRICADES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND THE MARSHALLS (IN YELLOW VESTS) ARE ON SITE. IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY, PLEASE PARK OFF-SITE.**

- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be permitted.
- No political campaigning.
- Animal groups must pick up after their animals.
- In the interest of safety and traffic control, no entry shall double back along the parade route while the parade is in progress or before officials have reopened the route to traffic.

## NO STOPPING ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE!

ONE (and only one) representative from each group should be designated to check in for your unit between 8:00 and 8:30 am. (Check-in location is specific to your group - separate load-in instructions have been emailed to the group leader.) The Independence Parade steps off promptly at 10 am.

## MONITOR REQUIREMENT

- In order to maintain contact with each entry as it moves down the Parade route, the entry must assign one member of its group to be the monitor.
- The monitor leads the entry by carrying or wearing the lineup number, marching in front of the unit, maintaining an appropriate distance between your unit and the unit in front of you, and watching the Route Marshals to know when to stop and when to move forward.
- The monitor communicates with the members of the entry to keep them together and moving at the same pace and to make sure the entry follows Parade rules.

## ON THE MORNING OF THE PARADE

Please pay proper respect to the residents along the staging streets.

- Place all rubbish in provided containers.
- Do not harass residents or their pets.
- Be respectful of residential property by staying in the street at all times.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

TO ENSURE THE QUALITY AND ENJOYMENT of the Independence Parade and to promote a safe and positive atmosphere for the various entities of the Parade, participants of the Independence Parade and persons involved with this event shall abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- All persons shall act with respect towards other persons, their privacy and safety.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any kind will not be tolerated
- All persons shall treat public and private property and equipment with respect.
- Parade rules and regulations shall be observed at all times.

*Any MainStreet Oceanside official, Independence Parade official or City Employee responsible for supervising, officiating or otherwise operating the Parade shall have the authority to enforce the terms of this Code as authorized by the Executive Director of MainStreet Oceanside. Failure of any person to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, removal from the Parade and/or restriction from future participation in the Parade. No refund of fees shall be given for any expulsion from the Parade for violating the Code of Conduct.*

## HOW TO BE A GREAT PARADE PARTICIPANT

- Decorate your entry to represent this year's theme: **HOMETOWN HEROES**
- Patriotic costumes are encouraged.
- Red White and Blue is always the theme.
- Keep your group together in an organized fashion.
- The volunteer monitor should keep pace with the Parade and allow no more than 20 feet between units.
- Follow the Parade rules and regulations.
- Pick-up after your animals and horses. (Please have a shovel and wheel barrel brigade at the end of your entry.) The committee, other Parade participants, and patrons will be deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

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