



FRED S. BUNN  
DIRECTOR

## CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Dear 2019 4th of July Parade Participants:

This year's 4th of July Parade, sponsored by Spectrum Health, will begin at the intersection of Wealthy and Sherman, head east down Wealthy, turn north on Lakeside Dr. and end at Reeds Lake Blvd.

Parade staging will begin at 11 a.m., starting with the Cologuard, Boy Scouts, Spectrum Health and then continuing as first-come, first-serve fashion. **You will need to enter the staging area off of Plymouth/Sherman in order to take your place in line.** If you will be leaving a vehicle, please park in the Wealthy Elementary School back parking lot off of Laurel St.

Please arrive no later than 11:30 a.m. to ensure proper positioning for all parade participants. The parade will start promptly at 12 p.m. Late arrivals should maintain a slow and orderly pace to reach the end of the parade.

As a helpful hint for those carrying banners and walking, the walk back to the elementary school is a long one. If possible, have a "get-away" car ready near Reeds Lake Blvd. to avoid the hot trek back.

### Rule Reminders:

- **Candy cannot be thrown from a moving vehicle (including bikes and horses) or anything in its tow.**
- **Walking persons may hand out or underhand toss candy from within 5 feet of the curb. DO NOT throw candy or other items from your vehicle/float entry. You may hand items out at the curb.**
- **Children and participants tossing candy must walk behind the float and/or moving vehicle to avoid injury or accident.**
- Water may not be shot out into crowds from the float including by water guns, water shooters, cups, buckets, etc.
- The entrant representative is responsible for enforcing rules and monitoring behavior.
- Paraphernalia and any display of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, alcohol and/or tobacco is prohibited.
- The use of illegal, alcoholic or tobacco substances is prohibited.
- Participants cannot leave or enter a parade vehicle or float once the parade has begun.
- Children under the age of five must be seated in a vehicle with a seatbelt, not in a float or trailer, or walking alongside a float.
- Vehicles should maintain a safe distance from the preceding entrant yet also stay within 10 ft. of the entrant to avoid creating gaps in the parade.
- Revving, spinning wheels and backing up are prohibited.
- If you plan to pass out information, please make sure you have plenty of volunteers in order to keep the parade moving without gaps.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Seese at 616.949.1750 or [rseese@eastgr.org](mailto:rseese@eastgr.org). We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, July 4!

