



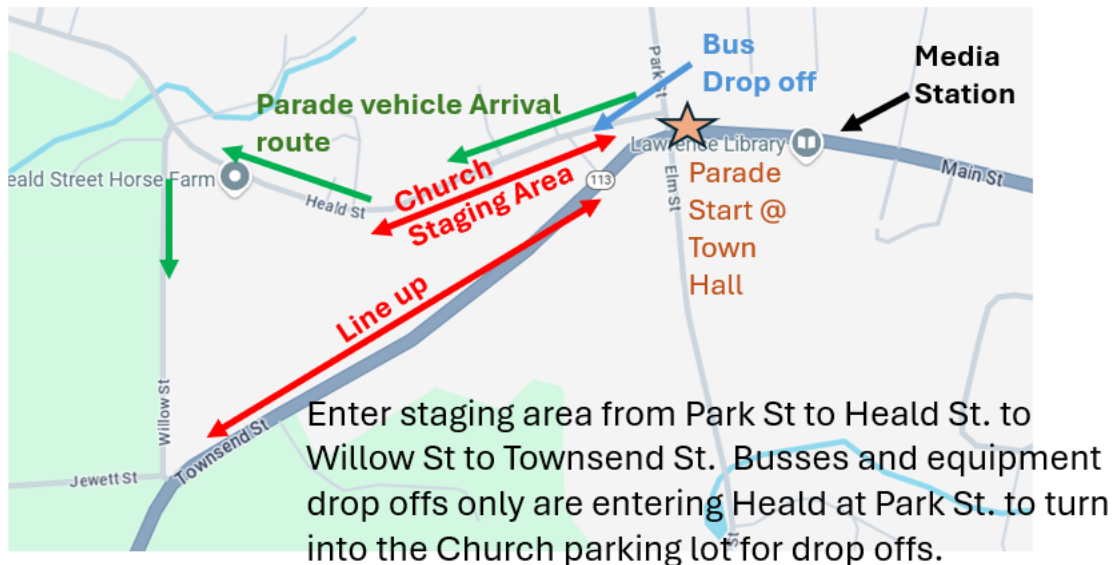
# Pepperell Fourth

## *Small Town, Big Bang!*

### 2026 Parade Instructions

Thank you for joining the Pepperell Independence Day Celebration and Parade. Please ensure that all parade entries are respectful and suitable for a family-friendly event. The Committee reserves the right to remove any entry that is considered disrespectful or inappropriate.

- Step Off: 10AM
  - Lineup Start and Road Closures: 8:30AM
  - Last Pickup of shuttle: 9:30AM at Nissitissit School
- Parade Route
  - Start Location: Town Hall, 1 Main St., Pepperell, MA
  - End Location: 170 Main St. Pepperell, MA (Kemps)
  - Route Length: 1.3 MI
  - Route / Terrain: Pavement, gradual downhill
  - At .5 mi: through rotary
  - At 1.1 mi: gradual left curve before bridge



- Preparation of units
  - Stay hydrated by bringing water and sunscreen
  - All gasoline driven units:
    - Ensure your vehicle is fully fueled, tires are properly inflated, radiators and batteries are checked, and windows are clean for optimal visibility

- **Recommended Shuttle Transport and parking:**
  - Location of parking and shuttle: Nissitissit Middle School, 33 Chace Ave, Pepperell
  - Shuttle service to the start line will operate from 8:15 AM to 9:40 AM
  - Shuttle Service and pickups at end of Parade: 1 Railroad St., Railroad Square (Kemps)
    - Walkers are to proceed down the road to the left of Kemps (Railroad St.), where the busses are waiting.
- **Drop off location for walkers not using the shuttle:**
  - Community Church of Pepperell Parking lot, 3 Townsend St, Pepperell
    - Entrance on Heald Street
- **Registration & Info Booth:** Parking lot of Community Church of Pepperell Parking lot, 3 Townsend St, Pepperell
  - Entrance on Heald Street
- **Restrooms:**
  - Nissitissit School, 33 Chase Ave.
    - Portapotty at shuttle pickup
  - Town Hall, 1 Main Street
    - Back of hall, entrance at lower lot
  - Community Church, 3 Townsend St.
    - Inside Church and Portapotty in lot
  - Staging Area, Unit C
    - Portapotty on property
  - Kemp's Service Station, beginning of Railroad Square (shuttle pickup)
    - Portapotty near the driveway to Kemps on the left side of the building
- **Line-up preparedness:**
  - All registration contacts receive an email 5 days prior to event with assigned placement to share with their group.
  - Letter markers "A-G" will be posted on telephone poles on Townsend St for group line-up
  - Know and share your group assignment (A, B...& #) with your group prior to the parade to avoid confusion at lineup. Look at the line up to know who you are following, and in front of, in the lineup to ensure correct placement.
  - ALL units are to stay in their pre-designated parade position in the staging area
    - There are sound and safety reasons for the line-up order.
  - Roads leading to staging area will be closed at 8:30AM
- **Candy Regulation**
  - For the safety of our children, **candy cannot be tossed from moving vehicles.**
  - **All candy or giveaways must be handed out from along the edge of the road!!**
  - **We DO NOT want kids in the road, it's too dangerous as drivers cannot see them!!**
  - Failure to comply with this instruction will risk future participation in the Independence Day parades.
- **Sponsorship Banners and Car Magnet Volunteers:**
  - Banner carrier volunteers should pick up banners at the Information Booth at the church parking lot.

- Cars will be asked to volunteer to display a 12x18 sponsorship car magnet (safe for cars) and return them at the end of the parade at Kemps, before leaving the parade route.
- **Parade Vehicle requirements:**
  - All floats and extended vehicles are to be in place on Townsend St. by 9:30AM
    - Late vehicles may not gain admittance after cutoff time and unable to participate
  - Park as far to one side of the street, as we must maintain a free lane for traffic and emergency vehicles until 9am
  - Vehicles are to enter the staging area from Heald St/Willow Street.
    - Shuttle Busses will drop off walkers at Community Church/Heald Street where they proceed to lineup.
    - From Heald Street, to Willow Street, take an immediate left onto Townsend Street
    - Pull over when you see the A-G marker of your line position, posted on telephone poles and check in with your section coordinator for placement.
  - *Car volunteers are desperately needed to display new sponsorship magnets on cars to show appreciation for sponsorship donations, making the parade possible.*
  - Gasoline vehicles
    - Keys must be left in vehicle should a driver need to leave staging area
    - Drivers must be in units by 9:45AM
    - Restriction of Vehicle Types
      - All vehicles not legal to drive on public roads must be dropped off and picked up via trailer at the beginning and end of parade
      - NO SMALL TRACTORS are permitted in the parade unless they also will be dropped off and picked up via trailer at the beginning and end of parade, or they remain on a trailer for the duration of the route
- **Parade Spacing once in motion:**
  - Maintain 20 feet of distance between yourself and the participant ahead of you.
  - Step lively to avoid gaps in units
  - Do not stop during the route
  - Live recording by Pepperell Media (PM) will be at the library.
  - There are no commentators this year, but PM plans to edit the recording with sponsorship and float comments for final release.
- **Parade End / Pick up location:**
  - All pickups meet back at Nissitissit Middle School
  - Shuttles are available to the school at the end of the parade in Railroad Square to bring walkers back to Nissitissit Parking area
  - Police will direct floats and units straight onto Railroad Street or left onto Groton Street for disbanding area
  - Follow Police instruction at parade end to avoid confusion and congestion.

Pepperell 4th of July Committee volunteers will be on hand to assist parade participants, wearing “staff” shirts or bright colored vests. Please contact us beforehand for any special needs, questions, or concerns prior to the day of event.

***Thanks for supporting the Pepperell Fourth!***

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