



# Pepperell Fourth

## *Small Town, Big Bang!*

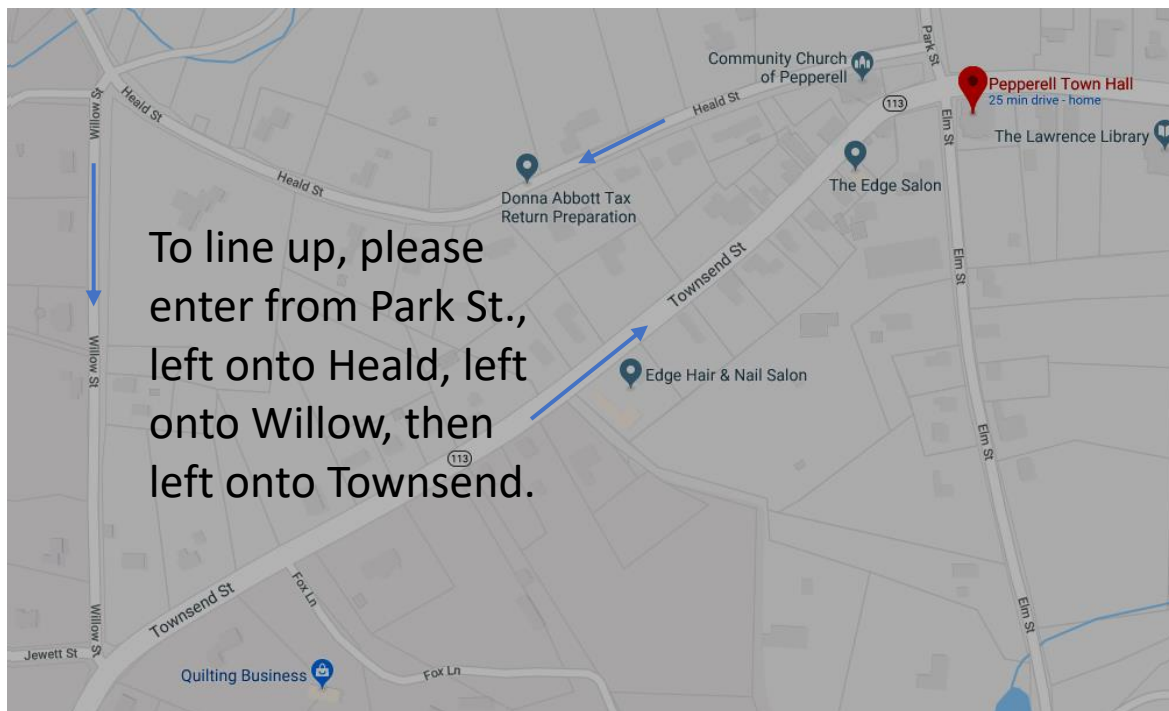
# Parade Instructions

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the Pepperell Independence Day Celebration and Parade.** We ask that ALL parade participants be respectful to this family-oriented event. If your entry is deemed to be disrespectful or inappropriate by the Committee, we reserve the right to remove your entry.

- Preparation of units
  - Please ensure the safety of your team members and vehicles
  - Please remember to stay hydrated, bring waters, and sunscreen
  - All gasoline driven units:
    - Please ensure your vehicle has a full tank of gas, tires at proper pressure, check radiators and batteries for water, and windows are clean for good vision
- Bus Transport and parking:
  - Location of parking and shuttle: Nissitissit Middle School, 33 Chace Ave, Pepperell
  - Shuttle Service to start line will run from 8:15AM – 9:45AM
  - Shuttle Service and pickups at end of Parade: 1 Railroad St., Railroad Square
    - Walkers are to proceed to the road to the left of Main St (Railroad St.), where the busses are waiting
- Drop off location for walkers not using the shuttle:
  - Drop off: Community Church of Pepperell Parking lot, 3 Townsend St, Pepperell
- Registration:
  - Registration and lineup begins at 8:30AM
  - For those who pre-registered and received their assigned area and confirmation, please proceed directly to your placement line section on Townsend St.
    - Look for the letters on telephone poles on Townsend St., and look for a volunteer with a brightly colored shirt or vest to check in at your assigned area
  - Registration Table is located at the Community Church of Pepperell Parking lot, 3 Townsend St, Pepperell (at walkers drop off location)
- Restrooms will be open at Town Hall, 1 Main St. from 8:30AM – 11:00AM
- Line-up
  - You will be contacted 5 days prior for your placement assignments by a Pepperell Fourth Volunteer member
    - Please contact us directly if you have not been contacted by June 22nd
  - Letters will be on telephone poles for your placement section on Townsend St., Pepperell
  - Please be sure you know which participants you are before to avoid confusion
  - Please note that ALL ROADS leading to staging area will be closed early
  - **It is imperative that ALL units stay in their pre-designated parade position.** There are **edict, sound, and safety reasons** for the line-up order. If you have a question or concern about your position, contact the Parade Coordinator prior to the event.
- Parade Vehicles
  - All floats and extended vehicles are to be in place on Townsend St. by 9:40A
  - Park as far to one side of the street as safe to do so, as there may still be a regular traffic flow on Townsend St.
  - Vehicles are to enter the Townsend St. staging area from the back end to avoid the need to turn around
    - At Town Hall (1 Main St.) take Park Street, then an immediate left onto Heald Street, your next left onto Willow Street, then left onto Townsend St. (going around the block)
    - Pull over when you see the number of your line position, posted on telephone poles
    - Map on next page
  - All gasoline vehicles
    - Keys must be left in vehicle should a driver need to leave staging area
    - All 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

- Per order of the Pepperell Police Department, It is illegal to ride your small tractor on the streets after the parade end, as they are not a permitted farm vehicle



To line up, please enter from Park St., left onto Heald, left onto Willow, then left onto Townsend.

- Step Off: 10AM
    - Follow your queue to march from STAFF on hand
  - Parade Route
    - Start Location: Town Hall, 1 Main St., Pepperell, MA
    - End Location: 170 Main St. Pepperell, MA
    - Route Length: 1.3 MI
    - Route / Terrain: Pavement, gradual downhill
    - At .5 mi: through rotary
    - At 1.1 mi: gradual left curve before bridge
  - During Parade
    - Please allow approx. 20 feet between you and the participant before you
    - Please step lively to avoid gaps in units
      - Do not stop during the route to avoid large gaps
  - **Candy Regulation**
    - Due to the safety of our children, we REQUIRE all candy to be tossed ONLY BY MARCHERS OUTSIDE of their vehicles, and MUST be tossed BEYOND the sidewalk into the crowd
      - No parade participant is permitted to toss candy directly from their vehicle or float
      - NO candy is to be on the street at all
      - Failure to comply with this instruction will result in forfeiting of future participation in the Independence Day parades
  - Parade End / Pick up location
    - It is requested that all pickups meet back at Nissitissit Middle School
    - Shuttles are available to the school at the end of the parade in Railroad Square
    - Police will direct floats and units straight onto Railroad Street or left onto Groton Street, at the garage in Railroad Square, or to the disbanding area on Railroad Street
      - Follow Police instruction at parade end to avoid confusion
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Pepperell 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee volunteers will be on hand to assist parade participants, wearing “staff” shirts and bright yellow vests. Please contact us beforehand for any special needs, questions, or concerns prior to the day of event.

*Thank you for supporting the Pepperell Fourth!*