

Dear Parade Participants:

Preparations have been made for a gala day on **Wednesday, July 4th**, and we are proud that you will be with us. **PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY.**

The assembling area for all groups participating in the parade will be in the area of So. Fullerton Ave. between Bloomfield Ave. to Hawthorne Pl. We will indicate which serial that your organization is in. Please note the location of the different serials and where to report.

- Serial 1 – So. Fullerton between Bloomfield Ave. and the Crescent
- Antique Cars – On the Crescent between So. Fullerton – Trinity Pl.
- Serial 2 – On So. Fullerton between Plymouth and Union (Library)
- Serial 3 – On So. Fullerton between Union St. and Hawthorne Pl.
- Serial 4 -- On Union St. starting on So. Fullerton.

Please note the following lots where you can park. Please make sure you arrive early because the roads in the staging area will be closing between 9:00 am – 10 am.

1. Plymouth Lot – So. Fullerton St. across from the library.
2. So. Fullerton Lot – enter from Seymour St. or So. Fullerton very early.
3. So. Willow Lot – enter on Seymour St. and walk thru So. Fullerton Lot.
4. Fullerton Deck – enter from No. Fullerton or Park St.
5. Crescent Deck – enter from So. Park St. Please note lot will be free between 9 am – 2 pm.

Report to your Serial marshal wearing the 4th of July tee shirts. Assemble your entry in the designated spot in the line-up, which the serial marshal will have. All buses should park on Valley Rd. beyond the reviewing stand. Other vehicles should park on Central Avenue (near **EDGEMONT PARK**) to wait for your arrival at the end of the parade route.

NOTE: The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. sharp, **rain or shine**. The parade route is 1.6 miles long and ends 50 yards beyond the reviewing stand at Edgemont Memorial Park.

- Float Contest Entries **must indicate that you have a Float on your Participation Card** and be in line by 9:30 a.m. for judging.
- All other units should assemble between 9:30 -10 am a.m. Please make

- sure you are on time since it can get very congested on So. Fullerton Ave.
- Be prepared to march at 10:30 a.m., as ranks will be promptly closed at that time. Late arrivals will be placed at the end of the parade.
 - Bands are expected to play on South Fullerton Avenue, Bloomfield Avenue, Watchung Avenue, Valley Road (approaching the reviewing stand), and several times along Midland Avenue. A limited repertoire will pose no problems because your audience changes.
 - To prevent big lapse in the parade, please be aware of the marchers in front of you and try and keep up.
 - **Please do not throw candy while turning corners.** This becomes very dangerous with small children darting across road as you turn. Throw it only when driving straight ahead on the roads (Bloomfield Ave. & Midland Ave.)
 - **Please refrain from shooting water guns. It has gotten out of control and people do not enjoy it. We have gotten many complaints.**

Rest Room facilities and drinking water will be available at the assembly area at the Montclair Public Library, 50 S. Fullerton Avenue and in the Edgemont Park Shelter House at the end of the parade route. Each unit should also carry a container of drinking water for its members to use en route. You can purchase refreshments at Edgemont Park.

The Township of Montclair assumes no responsibility, whatsoever, for accident or personal injury. Parade participants assume all risks and hazards incidental to the participation in and the conduct of the parade, including transportation to and from the parade.

On behalf of the Committees, we thank you and your organization for deciding to share the 68th Annual Independence Day Celebration with us. Thank you for your cooperation.

