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Dear 2016 4th of July Parade Participants:

This year's 4th of July Celebration parade, will begin at the intersection of Wealthy and Sherman and head east down Wealthy, turning left on Lakeside Dr. and ending at Reeds Lake Blvd. Parade staging will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the line-up order being first-come, first-serve. **In order to get in line, you need to enter the staging area off of Plymouth/Sherman.** If you will be leaving a vehicle, please leave it in Wealthy Elementary School back parking lot off of Laurel St. The actual school address is 1961 Lake Dr. . . . Please arrive no later than 11:30 a.m. to ensure proper positioning for all parade participants, the parade will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Late arrivals: should maintain a slow and orderly pace to reach the end of the parade. A helpful hint for those carrying banners and walking, the walk back is the longest. If possible, have a "get-away" car ready near Reeds Lake Blvd. to avoid the hot trek back to Wealthy Elementary School.

**Rule Reminders:**

- Entrant representative is responsible to enforce rules and monitor behavior
- Paraphernalia and display of firearms, weapons, illegal substances, alcohol, and 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.
- 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.
- Children and participants tossing candy must walk behind the float and/or moving vehicle to avoid injury or accident.
- 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 passing out information please make sure you have plenty of volunteers so we can keep the parade moving without gaps.
- Water may not be shot out into crowds from the float including by water guns, water shooters, cups, buckets, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Perry at 949.1750 or email [sperry@eastgr.org](mailto:sperry@eastgr.org). We're looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday, July 4!

