

2026 COTUIT 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Floats, Antique Cars and Walking Group Application

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AMERICA'S
250th

DEADLINE: June 27, 2026

Mail completed application (pages 1 & 2) to: Cotuit 4th of July Parade Committee, P.O. Box 704, Cotuit, MA 02635-0704

Or email to: carolstento@verizon.net

Permits will NOT be mailed. Vehicles/floats: pick up permit at Popponesett Road & Main Street between 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Walking groups: check in on High Street by 10:30 a.m. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m.

Questions before parade day? Call Christy (508) 364-6479 or Carol (508) 380-5784

ENTRY INFORMATION

Name of Entry (as it will appear at check-in and in the program) ★

Contact Person ★

Contact Email (confirmation sent here) ★

Phone Number

Participated Before?

Yes No

Street Address / P.O. Box

City / Town

State

Zip

ENTRY TYPE — CHECK ONE

Select the category that best describes your entry:

Antique Vehicle (pre-1975)

Float or Truck

Community Walking Group

Brief Description of your Float / Group

LOGISTICS

Space Needed to Line Up (feet)

of Participants

Will you have a vehicle?

Yes No

Will you have a trailer?

Yes No

Vehicle Year

Vehicle Make

Vehicle Model

Length Incl. Trailer (ft)

KEY RULES — PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

- ★ ALL entries MUST have a Fourth of July / America's 250th Anniversary theme.
- ★ NO political advertising, promotion, or advocacy of any kind on floats, banners, or vehicles.
- ★ Only Cotuit businesses may display business signage. 4th of July decorations required.
- ★ NO water of any kind — squirt guns, balloons, super soakers, hoses, etc. are strictly prohibited.
- ★ Candy ONLY may be gently tossed into the crowd. No other items may be handed out or thrown.
- ★ The Civic Association reserves the right to reject any entry.

Full rules and regulations are on page 3 of this application.

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Waiver, Indemnification and Release of Liability Agreement

Name of Entry:

The undersigned (the "**Applicant**") has read, understands, and agrees to comply with the Rules and Regulations established by the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association (the "**Association**") for participation in the Cotuit Fourth of July Parade (the "**Parade**").

Release of Liability

In consideration for being authorized to participate in the Parade, the Applicant agrees, for itself and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and successors and assigns (the "**Applicant Parties**"), to forever release, discharge, hold harmless, and waive any and all claims of any kind against the Town of Barnstable, the Association, and their respective officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and successors and assigns (the "**Town and Association Parties**"), for any claims, liabilities, damages, costs, or expenses (including attorneys' fees) caused by any accident or incident arising from participation in the Parade, including any failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations.

Indemnification

The Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town and Association Parties from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, costs, or expenses brought by any Applicant Party or any third party related to or arising out of participation in the Parade.

Equipment Safety

The Applicant acknowledges that it is its responsibility to ensure that any floats, vehicles, and equipment proposed for use in the Parade are safe, in good repair, and pose no threat of injury to participants or third parties.

Assumption of Risk & Voluntary Participation

Parades carry inherent risks that cannot be fully eliminated. The Applicant acknowledges that it has read this instrument in full, understands these risks, that its participation is voluntary, and it knowingly assumes all such risks.

The undersigned represents that its execution of this instrument on behalf of the Applicant has been duly authorized. The Applicant confirms its agreement to comply with the Rules and Regulations and to safely participate in the Parade, including the safe distribution of candy along the Parade route.

Authorized Signature

Date

Print Name

Title / Role

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Approved: Declined: Date Emailed: _____

Staging Area: Piney School High Street

Float/Vehicle/Group Permit #: _____ Permit Color: Blue Green Red

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Complete Rules & Regulations

GENERAL RULES — ALL ENTRANTS

- ★ The Parade starts PROMPTLY at 11:00 a.m.
- ★ ALL Floats and Groups MUST have a Fourth of July theme. This year marks America's 250th Anniversary.
- ★ NO political advertising, promotion, or advocacy on floats, banners, or vehicles. No depicting political, religious, or social issues.
- ★ Cotuit businesses ARE allowed to display business signage. Non-Cotuit business signs must be removed or covered.
- ★ The Civic Association reserves the right to limit a unit's size or number of participants.
- ★ Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- ★ NO WATER of ANY KIND — no squirt guns, water balloons, super soakers, hoses, etc.
- ★ ONLY candy may be gently tossed into the crowd. NO other items of any kind may be handed out or thrown. This is a SAFETY requirement strictly enforced.

ANTIQUE CARS & FLOATS — PARADE DAY

- ★ Pick up your permit at Popponessett Road & Main Street between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- ★ Vehicles/floats must be in place by 10:30 a.m. Late arrivals will NOT be allowed to participate.
- ★ Line-up order is based on arrival time. Follow all directions from Civic Association representatives.
- ★ No stopping once the parade is moving. If stopped, perform in place to entertain the crowd.
- ★ No water of any kind. Candy only — gently tossed into the crowd.
- ★ All motor vehicles must comply with road rules, be registered and insured.
- ★ Display your color-coded permit in the FRONT LEFT window at all times.

WALKING GROUPS — PARADE DAY

- ★ Arrive at High Street by 10:30 a.m. and line up as directed.
- ★ Follow all directions from Civic Association representatives.
- ★ No stopping once the parade is moving. If stopped, perform in place.
- ★ No water of any kind. Candy only — gently tossed into the crowd.
- ★ Any registered motor vehicles must comply with road rules, be registered and insured.

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE AND/OR REFUSAL OF FUTURE ENTRY.

On parade day, contact any representative of the Civic Association with questions. Contact info will be in your confirmation email.

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THANK YOU FOR BEING IN OUR PARADE.

★ Please have a fun, safe Fourth of July! ★