



**CITY OF NORTHFIELD
2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

July 4th – 10am

Rain date July 11th – all other details are the same

Registration ends June 30th

All participants must register in advance by submitting the application on the page to follow. Deadline for registration is June 30th.

Once registration is approved, participants will be provided with an 8.5" x 11 color coded placard for dashboard display, on the driver's side of the vehicle. Placards can be picked up at Northfield City Hall, in the Clerk's office through July 2nd during regular business hours, or on the day of the parade at the check-in location.

ON THE DAY OF THE PARADE:

ALL participants MUST enter Broad Street from Dolphin Avenue and proceed to check-in location as directed by staff and signage. After check-in, parade volunteers will direct you to your lineup location (which will be determined by the color-coded placard).

The parade route is Jackson Avenue to Shore Road, to Mill Road (across Route 9) to Burton Avenue, ending at the Burton Avenue Fire Station.

MAINTAINING YOUR DISTANCE DURING THE PARADE:

Each entry is asked to keep a safe distance from other participants.

Please do your best to keep the parade moving, from start to finish. If you need help during the parade, please seek out a police officer for assistance.

BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE - ALL motorcyclists, and anyone age 17 or under on a bicycle, e-bike, scooter, etc. MUST wear a helmet in accordance with state law.

PLEASE – DO NOT THROW CANDY OR OTHER OBJECTS

Due to safety concerns, primarily the risk of children running into the street to retrieve the candy or other items, and potentially being struck by a parade vehicle, NO throwing of candy is permitted. While we understand throwing candy is a long-standing tradition at some parades, safety considerations outweigh the tradition.

RULES FOR FLOATS, PICK UP TRUCKS AND OTHER OPEN VEHICLES

- **Adult Supervision:** Children riding on floats, trailers or in truck beds should be supervised by an adult.
- **Prohibited Actions:** Riders should not stand, jump, dance, or dangle over the sides of a float, pickup truck, or other open vehicle while in motion.
- **Rider Seats:** Rider seats should be secured to the float deck or truck bed
- **Guardrails:** Guardrails should be erected on exposed sides and ends of platforms to prevent fall
- **Float Structure:** Float bed must be sturdy and capable of supporting the weight of all participants and equipment.
- **Tow Hitch:** Ensure the towing connection is secure and appropriate for the float and towing vehicle.
- **Driver Visibility:** The driver must have a wide, unobstructed view in all directions.
- **Security:** All decorations and equipment must be securely fastened.
- **Fire Safety:** Floats should have a class ABC fire extinguisher; decorations should be flame resistant
- **Escorts:** Floats may need escorts, especially when not escorted by a towing vehicle
- **Noise Levels:** Keep amplified music and sound effects at a reasonable level to avoid startling drivers and animals



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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Return to: Joan Brennan at cultural@cityofnorthfield.org, or via USPS mail to
1600 Shore Road, Northfield, NJ 08225, Attention 4th of July Parade

Applicant name, organization, or group name: _____

Name of contact person on day of parade: _____ Phone # _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

What type of entry:

Car or Truck Motorcycle Float (motorized) Float (towed or pulled)
 Bicycle E-bike Golf Cart Pedestrian
 Other (describe) _____ *For float entries only, length of float: _____*

For ANY motorized vehicle or ANY trailer, a **copy** of a valid registration **and insurance card** must accompany the application

INDEMNIFICATION:

Participant/s shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the City of Northfield, its elected and appointed officials, its employees, agents, volunteers and others working on behalf of the City of Northfield, from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, attorney's fees, damages, or injury including death and/or property loss, expense claims or demands arising out of Participant/s participation in the City's 4th of July parade, including all suits or actions of every kind or description brought against the City of Northfield, either individually or jointly with Participant/s for or on account of any damage or injury to any person or persons or property, caused or occasioned or alleged to have been caused by, or on account of, any of the activities conducted by or caused to be conducted by Participant/s, or through any negligence or alleged negligence in safeguarding participants, or members of the public, or through any act, omission or fault or alleged act, omission or fault or alleged act, omission or fault of the Participant/s, its employees, agents, volunteers, subcontractors or others under the direction, control or under any contractual relationship with the Participant/s.

I further certify that if signing on behalf of an organization, I am an authorized agent of said organization with the power to bind and contract on behalf of said organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this ___ day of _____, 2026.

INDIVIDUAL: Printed Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Registration attached

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Insurance card attached
(Parent and Participant both must sign if Participant is under the age of 18)

IF AN ORGANIZATION:

Printed Name of Organization: _____

Printed Name of Agent for Organization: _____

Title of Agent for Organization: _____

Signature of Agent for Organization: _____