



# Town Of Grand Island Celebrates Independence Day!

## 55th Anniversary Parade (est. 1969)

Let's Parade on **Friday July 4, 2025** (Parade approx. start time is 10am)

**ONLINE Registration available!** <https://grandislandny.myrec.com> (Create a free account. To register> Click on programs> parade application). Or submit paper application (below).

Name of Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Information will be sent via email only. Email address required to receive notifications.*

**Please Circle:** Our unit will:    March,    has 1 Float,    has 2 Floats,    Driving a Vehicle,  
Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about your unit! (Max. 100 words).** Write ups are announced as the group passes the reviewing stand. Please PRINT clearly or submit by email to [recreation@grand-island.ny.us](mailto:recreation@grand-island.ny.us) . \*If you had a write-up from last year, and would like to use it, please request a copy. We will email it to you for your review, so you can make changes (Max. 100 words). Send it back to us before the deadline!

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**Special line-up request** (Marching children, seniors, and animals will have first priority): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Deadline (online):** Friday, June 27, 2025, by 4:00 PM

- PAPER Application Submission: **Email:** [recreation@grand-island.ny.us](mailto:recreation@grand-island.ny.us) OR **Drop-off:** Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–3:30 PM  
To: Grand Island Recreation Department, 3278 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY
- **Late Paper Applications:** Subject to approval. If accepted, your unit will be placed at the end of the parade lineup.

### Parade Line-Up Details

- Preliminary Line-Up Posted: July 2. Available at: [grandislandny.myrec.com](https://grandislandny.myrec.com) [grandislandny.us](https://grandislandny.us) [isledegrande.com](https://isledegrande.com)  
**Final Line-Up** Posted: July 3 by 4:00 PM. No changes will be made after this time.

\*Please keep pages 2 & 3, detailed information regarding rules, road closures, drop-off etc.

**2025 Town of Grand Island 4th of July Parade**  
*Participant Lineup Information & Parade Regulations*

**Parade Overview**

1. Start Time: Approximately 10:00 AM (after the Dick Bessel Run)
2. Route: Northbound on Grand Island Blvd (RT 324) from Staley Rd. to Baseline Rd.  
(Route is ½ to 1 mile long depending on lineup location)
3. Road Closures:
  - a. Grand Island Blvd & Baseline Rd. close at 8:30 AM. No traffic permitted after closure times.
4. Parking Advisory:
  - a. Vehicles may not park on the road of the parade route (corner of GI BLVD /Webb Rd. to Baseline Rd).
  - b. Vehicles parked at line up locations that are not in the parade must stay at their location until roads open.

**General Parade Rules**

1. **Check-In, Line-Up, Drop-Off Instructions for North of Webb Road:**
  - a. The following applies to all units lining up North of Webb Road including at Marston Power Equipment, Financial Trust Credit Union, Speedway / Dunkin / Pizza Amore, New Life in Christ Ministries, VFW, or any other location North of Webb Road.
  - b. Roads close at 8:30 a.m. Arrive on time for check-in and staging. Participants should be dropped off at lineup areas before 8:30 AM
  - c. After roads close, drop-off must occur outside the route and participants must walk in. No vehicle traffic will be allowed onto the parade route after the roads close.
  - d. Parade officials will be at each line up location. They will line units up in proper order and direct them onto the parade route. Stay in your assigned position in the lineup.
2. **Check-In, Line Up, Drop-Off Instructions South of Webb Road (New 2025)**
  - a. The following applies ONLY to units at JACKSON MUSIC and LIFCO HYDRAULICS.
  - b. Units may arrive before the 8:30 a.m. road closures following normal regulations OR they may arrive between 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. with the following regulations:
    - i. Units arriving after 8:30 a.m. must enter on G.I. Blvd from the south. Enter at the road closure located at 1770 G.I. Blvd. GIPD and Recreation Staff will be checking vehicles. Only units entered in the parade at these two locations will be allowed past this point.
    - ii. ONLY vehicles and units in the parade will be allowed past this point. NO DROP OFFS and leaving after 8:30 a.m.
  - c. No traffic will be allowed past Webb Road after 8:30 a.m. All units must go to LIFCO Hydraulics or Jackson Music.
  - d. Parade officials will be at each line up location. They will line units up in proper order and direct them onto the parade route. Stay in your assigned position in the lineup.
3. **Distribution of Items – SAFETY FIRST:**
  - a. Do NOT throw candy or other items from vehicles or floats. We do not want spectators, especially young children, running into the parade route to pick up candy.
  - b. Items may be handed out only by walking unit members at the side of the parade route.
  - c. Vehicle drivers must be licensed and alert.
  - d. Drive at walking pace only
4. **Decorum & Conduct, Maintain Dignity – Patriotic Celebration:**
  - a. The parade is a patriotic celebration. Any disrespectful or inappropriate conduct may result in removal.
  - b. All parade entries must reflect a patriotic theme or representation.
  - c. No vulgar or offensive signs, music, behavior etc.
  - d. All costumes and signs must be family-friendly.
5. **Floats and Vehicles**
  - a. Must be roadworthy and safe.
  - b. No fireworks or open flames or other safety hazards.
  - c. Vehicle Height - ensure floats/vehicles do not exceed the height of power and cable lines

## 6. Spacing

- Maintain 10–20 feet behind the unit in front of you, or a distance that allows you to remain as close as possible to the unit in front of you in a safe manner. No closer than 10 feet.

## 7. Forward Motion Only

- Keep your unit moving forward at all times; do not stop for performances.
- Avoid creating gaps in the parade flow.

## 8. Road Laws

- All road laws apply before and after the parade (not during the parade route).

## 9. Animals

- Must be calm and under control.
- Bring a clean-up crew if animals are involved. Animal waste must be picked up.

## 10. No Alcohol

- Alcohol is strictly prohibited before and during the parade.

## 11. Law Enforcement Oversight

- Follow all instructions from law enforcement and parade officials.
- End of route monitored and controlled by police and road signaling devices.

## 12. Emergency Protocol

- In emergencies, **pull to the right** to let emergency vehicles pass.

**Parade Map**

