

2017 Lake Forest 4<sup>TH</sup> July Parade



The City of Lake Forest is planning its 26th annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Tuesday, July 4th. This year's parade theme is "Let Freedom Ring!" They encourage all participants to incorporate the theme, or use a patriotic theme, and appropriate music if possible. We've done a great job in the past decorating "America's Sports Car" and the crowd loves it. This event will sell out with a maximum of only 12 cars. If you want to join us this year for this televised parade, send us an e-mail, text, or call us.

## **Parade Specifics:**

- 1. Arrive at Fuddruckers on El Toro Road no later than 8:00 a.m. We will leave for the Parade Staging Area by 8:15.
- 2. Please come prepared to decorate your car in the staging area at the parade. You won't want decorate it at home then try to drive it to the parade site.
- 3. We are #82 (out of 93 entries) so it will be a long wait before our turn in the Parade. So bring plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated and a chair. We will bring water and breakfast bars for those people that are hungry/thirsty Portable toilets are available close by, but bring hand sanitizers just in case.
- 4. After you arrive at the staging area, please decorate your car. Michaels has great decorations and usually have a 40% off coupon in the Sunday paper. Wal-Mart and Party City also have decorations at reasonable prices. People have used everything from banners, streamers, pin-wheels, silk flower arrangements, colored stars, to balloon arrangements. If you need ideas, give Vicki a call or email me and I'll send you some of the photos from previous parades. Be sure to buy your decorations early since they sell out quickly.
- 5. Please dress in patriotic colors and PCC hats and/or shirts if possible.
- 6. If you have your PCC placard bring it and place it on the right side of your dash (the side closest to the TV cameras). Yes, this parade will be aired on TV usually the same day and a few days after the parade. Last year we must have been on TV for about 3-5 minutes as 18 cars paraded in front of the camera. If you don't have a placard, let me know and we will get you one. You should keep it in your car for all PCC events
- 7. The parade starts promptly at 10:00am. Due to our place in the parade, we should be ready by 11:30am to enter the parade.
- 8. MANDATORY RULES:
  - a. While on the parade route, maintain an equal distance between you and the car in front of you. No holding back so you can catch up! We will line up two-by-two and I will arrange the group in color order so all the same color cars aren't together.
  - b. No squealing of tires-City of Lake Forest, PARADE RULES!!!
  - c. At no time is any unit allowed to throw anything along the parade route. No candy.
- 9. After the parade is complete, we'll take off the decorations and head over to McCue's for lunch. PLEASE RSVP!





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