

OAK BAY TEA PARTY PARADE

JUNE 1, 2019 - PARADE ENTRY RULES

Just a few things to keep in mind during the parade to ensure this community event is enjoyed by everyone:

- **Do not stop at Willows Beach. Oak Bay Police have directed that parade entrants are not allowed to stop along Beach Drive.** Vehicles must return to Windsor Park to disembark passengers. Groups with small children walking may disperse along one of the side streets past Willows Beach as directed by police. **Do not stop on Beach Drive.**
- **Safety first.** All entry equipment must be in good working order and participants must conduct themselves in a safe manner.
- **Clean up your mess.** Parade entries that include animals must clean up immediately after waste production occurs. Other rubbish should be collected and taken with you.
- **Do not delay the parade flow.** Maintain your speed and distance between your group and the entry in front of you. If you stop to perform for the crowd, you must be brief and catch up with the entry in front of you before stopping again. Large gaps in the parade are detrimental to the enjoyment of viewing the parade. Entries causing large gaps in the parade will not be invited back.
- **Vehicles and entries must be decorated.** People remember and speak positively about those entries that are well decorated. This is about giving something special to the community.
- **Do not throw candy.** If you have candy for the children lining the streets, you must have someone in your group take the candy to the side of the road to distribute. We encourage the distribution of candy in biodegradable wax wrappers rather than in plastic.
- **Balloons.** The Oak Bay Tea Party, in keeping with our "green" initiative, is going balloon-free, and we ask all parade participants to do the same. Let's see how creative we can be decorating without balloons!!
- Participants must follow directions - provided by police, tea party security and parade marshals along the parade route.
- **Have fun!**

All entries received with a signed declaration will be accepted for entry in the parade (we reserve the right to make exceptions) so entrants do not need to confirm entry. We will notify those entries that are not accepted for previous infractions of the parade rules.

The parade list will be periodically updated and final parade order posted on the Oak Bay Tea Party website: www.oakbayteaparty.com on or before **May 31, 2019**.