

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

By Judy Perreault
Fourth of July Committee

The Fourth of July Committee is very excited to have the Muchachos Drum and Bugle Corps of Manchester for our Fourth of July Parade. We will also have our regulars: Leapin' Lena, Uncle Sam, the Kearsage Community Band, the Andover One Wheelers, the Scouts, Captain Morrill's Company, and an assortment of vintage cars, trucks, floats, and fire engines.

The parade theme this year is Frontier Days. Remember, there are money prize categories for floats and three for animals. Joyce Egge of Equine Homes Real Estate has once again provided the money for the animal prizes. You can register your entry on the day of the parade. (If a form was mailed to you, please fill it out and bring it with you. It saves time at registration.)

The younger children enjoy dressing up and decorating bikes for the Children's Parade. Sara Tracy-Arone keeps them busy with games and small prizes.

Don't miss the Flea Market on the Village Green! To reserve a space, call Howard Wilson at 735-5427.

Many organizations provide food throughout the day. The Lions Club holds its annual Pancake Breakfast in the morning, and there's lunch from various vendors, most of them raising funds for local organizations, on the Village Green during the Flea Market. In the evening, the One Wheelers will be selling food before the fireworks.

Before the fireworks there will also be entertainment provided by the youth groups associated with Andover Congregational Church.

The schedule of events for the Fourth will be published on the front page of the July issue of *The Andover Beacon*. Programs will also be available around town and on the day of the Fourth at the grandstand and at selected booths.

This year's Fourth of July celebration is shaping up to be a banner year. Don't miss it! Plan to come and bring your family and friends.

Don't forget – your donations are what makes all this possible! Send your donation to Irene Jewett, Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 36, East Andover 03231.



Muchachos March In Fourth Of July Parade

By Judy Perreault
Parade Chair, Fourth of July Comm.

The Fourth of July Committee is very excited to report that we managed to secure the Muchachos Drum and Bugle Corps of Manchester for our Fourth of July parade. They are in great demand for performances throughout New England and other states, and we are pleased that they picked Andover this year.

This may be our one time to see them in Andover, as their policy is to do different parades each year. Be sure to give them a warm Andover welcome when you see them!

The group was formed in 1960 as the Manchester Boys Drum and Bugle Corps and made 10 appearances the first year with borrowed horns and drums. The group grew and performed in many parades, including:

- New York World's Fair in 1964
- Canada's Centennial in 1967
- Washington DC National Bicentennial celebration in 1976
- America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration in Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville, New York
- Aquidneck Island National Police



Parade in Newport, Rhode Island

In 1986, due to increasing costs and a lack of interest, they became inactive. In 1996, a group of alumni decided to get together for one time for Manchester's Sesquicentennial. There was such a great response they decided to keep going and became the Muchachos Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. This year they were accepted as a Drum Corps International all-age affiliate corps.

The Muchachos work closely with the New Hampshire Youth Development Center, sharing their talents and enthusiasm for the Corps with young people. They have about 60 members of all ages.

They concentrate on Latin/Spanish music, however they mix in some standard brass and jazz along with patriotic songs. Their uniform consists of a white shirt, a black vest, black pants with a red kick pleat, a red cummerbund, and a black sombrero.

For more info, visit Muchachos.org

Fly The Flag – Correctly

June 14 is Flag Day. The Andover Fourth of July Committee reminds you to treat the American flag with respect – on the Fourth, on Flag Day, and every day.

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette in a section of the law called the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions.

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number,

figure, or drawing of any kind on it or attached to it.

- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object, it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
- The flag should be folded neatly and ceremoniously in preparation for storage.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- The flag should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner when it is so worn that it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country.

For more detailed information on showing proper respect for our flag, google "Flag Code" on the Web.



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