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Taken in 1987, this picture shows people partaking of the Ham and Bean Supper held during the Fourth of July celebration.

Fourth of July Events Cancelled, But Committee Offers Alternatives

Visit their Facebook page to participate

Press release

It just doesn't feel right! This year's Fourth of July in Andover will be like no other! But, in the name of keeping our friends and neighbors safe, we've



This picture, taken in 1981, shows Etta Currier Haughton. She and Olive Seavey started the Andover Fourth of July celebration as we know it today.

made the tough decision to cancel the celebration for this year. Times like these are when Andover's spirit shines brightest. For this year we'll have to put on our own personal Fourth of July celebrations. We hope every house in town makes it a great day.

Normally, at this time of year, the Fourth of July Committee is going full tilt to get everything in place for the big day. Instead, we are already dreaming about next year's celebration.

The committee is offering a few bright spots, though. Go to the Andover NH July 4th Facebook page and post your favorite memory of past events. We already have at least 24 memories posted there and hope to have many, many more. Look around and find the previous posts and add yours. Choose from the list which includes the old Midway, past parades, Leapin' Lena, and let's not forget our own Andover One Wheelers.

Also on our Facebook page there will be a slideshow of photos of past

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Happy Fourth of July!

Andover's 78th annual Independence Day Celebration may have been canceled due to the COVID pandemic (see below, left), but there are still plenty of ways to celebrate our country's 244th birthday!

- Take a selfie with the picture of Uncle Sam on the Village Green!
- Pick up this year's Fourth program from locations around town.
- Visit Facebook.com/AndoverNH4thOfJuly for slideshows of past Fourth celebrations.
- Watch videos of past Fourth parades on Comcast 8 or TDS 16.
- Support the Andover Service Club's "Slices for Scholarships" pie sale on the Fourth at JJ's Market and Deli from 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Enjoy Highland Lake's Lighting of the Flares on Friday and the Boat Parade on Saturday (page 6)
- Attend American Legion Post 101's Distinguished Flag Burning Ceremony (page 6)

Practice safe physical distancing, wear appropriate personal protection, and enjoy everything that Andover has to offer!



Community members gathered for an organized vigil on the Andover Village Green to acknowledge the death of George Floyd and other victims of racism. Photo: Larry Chase

Vigil Held on the Village Green Honors Victims of Racism

Death of George Floyd inspires desire for change

Gabriel Lopez Low

On June 5, members of the Andover community gathered on the Town Green for a candlelight vigil honoring the death of George Floyd and other black victims of police violence.

Inspired by vigils and protests around the nation, the idea originated around Deb Brower's kitchen table on the previous Tuesday night as a way to bring the Andover community together to pay respect for the lives lost. By Thursday, Deb had e-mailed over 50 members of the Andover community

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