

THE 4TH OF JULY

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Andover Fourth Of July Schedule Of Events

- Sunday, July 3**
- 5-7 PM: Andover Residents Only: Andover Libraries' Book Sale in the Stone Chapel
 - 10:30-11:15 AM: Kearsarge Community Band Concert, Village Green
 - 11:45 AM: Children's Parade Forms at the Andover Fire Station; Judging at Noon
- Monday, July 4**
- 7-10 AM: Lions Pancake Breakfast at AE/MS
 - 7-11 AM: Oxen Demonstration behind AE/MS
 - 7 AM-2 PM: Andover Libraries' Book Sale in the Stone Chapel
 - 8 AM-5 PM: Festival on the Village Green
 - 8-9 AM: Firecracker 5K Race Registration at Blackwater Park
 - 9 AM: Firecracker 5K Race, Northern Rail Trail, rain or shine
 - 10 AM: Opening Ceremonies
Flag Raising by American Legion Post #101
Pledge of Allegiance by Andover Girl Scouts
 - 10-11 AM: Judging of Parade Entries
Closest to the Pin Drive, Carr Field
 - Noon: Bell Ringing at Savage Hall by AE/MS Perfect Attendance Students
 - National Anthem by Bria Tremblay
 - Patriotic Medley by Nancy Tripp
 - Parade starts from Proctor Field House
 - 1-5 PM: Bluegrass and Folk Music on the Village Green
 - 3 PM: Herbie's Cornhole Tournament
 - 3:30 PM: Hillbilly Scramble-Men's Softball Game at Blackwater Park
 - 5 PM: Women's Softball Game at Blackwater Park
 - Dusk: Fireworks
- Rain date for selected events is Saturday, July 9.*



A group of children participate in the Andover Fourth of July parade celebration in 1987.

Andover Looks Forward to Jam-Packed Fourth of July Celebration!

Rain date is Saturday, July 9

Bring your appetites and good spirits for a full day of activities around Andover. Make sure you reserve a place in your heart for our country and all "She" stands for. One way to show patriotism is to raise a flag in your front yard. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets at the raffle booth on the Village Green on the Fourth. At last count, there were over 60

Andover Fourth of July Committee
This is it! The Fourth of July Committee has worked all year to get things ready for the celebration. Without the support of Andover's police and fire departments, as well as townspeople, we wouldn't be able to pull this celebration together.

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Fourth of July Raffle Offers Many Prizes and Chances to Win

Proceeds help offset costs of celebration

Judy Perreault
Andover Fourth of July Committee

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, Andover is finally able to have our Fourth of July celebration. There are plans to make it the best one yet, with many extra attractions.

All this costs money, and one of our popular fundraisers is the Fourth of July Raffle. There are many chances to win a prize, as local merchants are very supportive with donations of goods and services.

Andover: JJ's Market, Mane Street Hair, Pizza Chef, Highland Lake Inn, Refinery Restaurant, Drakes Restaurant, A Vintage Doll, and Naughty Nellies.

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FOURTH OF JULY PARKING

- From 6 AM to 1 PM there will be no parking on North Street, nor on the south (eastbound) side of Main Street between JJ's Market and Pizza Chef, nor on one side of Lawrence Street.
- From 6:30 to 10 PM the Andover Elementary/Middle School parking lot will be open for public parking.
- Carr Field parking area is reserved for parade participants only.
- Parking in front of and beside the Town Hall is reserved for Handicap Parking only.

FIREWORKS LOCATION

The fireworks will be launched from the Proctor Ski Area. The best viewing areas will be Corson Field behind AE/MS and Carr Field on Main Street.

CROSS ONLY AT CROSSWALKS

The Village Green will be blocked off along Main Street to keep pedestrians from crossing Main Street except at the crosswalks at each end of the Village Green (at Lawrence Street and just east of JJ's Market).

KEEP KIDS SAFE DURING THE PARADE!

If you're in the parade and throwing candy, always throw it into the crowd, not onto the street. If you're watching the parade, stay well back from the street and *never* let your children dart into the street to get candy.

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 9

If the forecast for July 4 looks threatening, the Fourth of July Committee will decide by 6 PM on July 3 whether to postpone the celebration to July 9. If it is postponed, that will be announced on the Andover Fourth of July Facebook page, on the *Beacon's* Web site at AndoverBeacon.com, and on the Town Web site at Andover-NH.gov.

If the celebration is postponed, the parade itself must be cancelled. In that case, participants are encouraged to bring their floats to the AE/MS parking lot at 1 PM on July 9 for the public to enjoy and for judging and prizes. Parade bands are invited to perform on the Village Green on July 9.

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