

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS SET IN GLOUCESTER CITY

Councilwoman Nancy Randolph-Baus, Celebrations Chair has announced a star spangled list of events planned in Gloucester City to celebrate our Independence.

All events this year will be on Friday, July 3rd, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5th, according to

The Celebrations Committee has announced the theme for the day and the parade is LET FREEDOM RING!

The day of celebration begins with the kid's games and baby contest at Martin's Lake. Chairs of the events at Martin's Lake, Roseanne Michel and Vanessa Courant said the games and baby contest will begin at 10:00am sharp. There is no pre-registration for the baby contest; registration will be that morning right before the contest. The baby contest is open to babies up to 24 months in age, and you MUST BE A GLOUCESTER CITY RESIDENT. Proper ID is required to register that morning. The baby contest will take place at the Gazebo in Martin's Lake.

The games for the kids will be run by the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus with Knight John Nolan chairing the event. No registration is required just show up for fun and games. Hot dogs, drinks, and prizes will be provided.

The Annual Parade will also be on Friday, July 3rd and will kick off at 6:00pm from behind the CVS on Charles Street. Line up for the parade is at 5:30pm sharp. Councilman Dan Spencer who is Chair of the Parade, and Parade Coordinator Vanessa Courant said there is much excitement centered on this year's parade. Courant said we have a great theme this year with LET FREEDOM RING, and we are looking forward to more organizations in the city to get in the act with decorated floats to compete for the coveted prizes in the float category. Organizations, churches, clubs, and groups can register to be in the parade by downloading a registration form from the city website, or stopping in the City Clerk's office for a registration form. Deadline to register for the parade is June 25th.

Courant also said we are looking for more folks to be in the parade with their decorated bikes, and families with decorated baby carriages. There will also be prizes for the bike and baby carriages.

Councilman Spencer expressed his excitement for the music line-up for the parade, including: The Gloucester City String Band, Gloucester City's own Durning String Band, Uncle Sammy's Jam Band, Terri Noon and the High Noon Express, Ed Coles and The Entertainers, The Bonsal Blues Military Marching Band, and more.

ALL are welcome to participate in the parade.

The Annual Fireworks display, sponsored by HOLT CARGO & MARINE TERMINALS, will be held at dusk as usual. The Celebrations Committee would like to THANK Mr. Leo Holt and his company for sponsoring our great fireworks display. This year, the Fireworks Show has been moved to the JOHNSON BLVD. MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELDS. You may remember we had them at these fields before the remediation work had to be done to the fields. The Fireworks are being moved back to JOHNSON BLVD.

FIELDS as there is more room for the Fireworks Company and the Fire Department to operate and maneuver, and also more space for people to see the displays on the ground. Also, according to the company and the Fire Dept. it is a safe environment at the fields. The company said a better show can be produced at the JOHNSON BLVD FIELDS.

The concession stands will be open at the fields, and food will be available for sale. Also, folks can also bring their own food to the fireworks show.

Please remember, the rain date for all events is Sunday, July 5th. Please check the city display sign at Broadway and Monmouth, the City Website, and Facebook for cancellation notices for all events.

Councilwoman Baus said she is very excited for all of our events this year, and is looking forward to great participation from everyone in the city. We look forward to seeing everyone on July 3rd as we LET FREEDOM RING.

Baus also said, "please feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to our parade and fireworks show". See you on the 3rd of July.