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JULY 4TH IN AMHERST

Amherst July 4th 2011

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Sunday, July 3rd, Souhegan High School

Fireworks Rain Date: July 4, 2011

REMAX Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides	5:30 - Dusk
Amherst Fire & EMS vs Milford Fire Department Softball Game—Bean Baseball Field	5:30 pm
Food! Pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, drinks, ice cream, slush—By Stadium	6:00 - 9:00 pm
Music-Undertow Band—By Stadium	6:00-8:00 pm
Tarot Card Reading, Caricaturist, Face Painting—Refreshment Area	5:30-7:30 pm
Magic by George--Stadium Sponsored by Norman Wrenn BOT-L-GAS	7:00 pm
Band Concert - Amherst Town Band--Stadium	8:00 pm – Dusk
Fireworks! Jack Reed & Volunteers Major Sponsor: Granite State Credit Union	Dusk

Monday, July 4th, Amherst Village:

Historical Museums Open, Middle Street	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Children's Bicycle Parade - Amherst Lions Club Judging (9:45 am)	10:00 am Knight's Field
Parade Parade with Bands, Floats, Antique Autos, 1st & 5th NH Regiments, Mini-Kars, Uncle Sam, Marchers, Clowns, Wheelmen, Puppies on Parade (Spalding Field), NH Dignitaries, & More!	10:00 am "Step-off" from Wilkins School
Village Green Activities: Art Show—Artists and More Artists! Booths, Clowns, Pocket Ladies, Children's Activities, Caricaturist, Animals, Food	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Uncle Sam on Stilts: Declaration of Independence	9:15 am
The Music Man Quartet!	9:30 am
Old Fashioned Craft Demonstrations Blacksmith, Spinners, Rug Hooker, Quilters, Shaker Box Maker, Beekeeper, Maple Syrup Maker, Tile Maker--Town Hall End of Green	9:00 am-1:00 p.m.
Antique Auto Show—Church Side of Green	11:00 am
Reviewing Stand Ceremonies Presentation of Reviewing Stand by Lions Club, Dignitaries, Awards, Citizen of the Year	Following the parade
Martial Arts Demonstration	Following Ceremony
Show and Tell Dog Show-Reviewing Stand	Following Ceremony

July 4 Parade and Village Green Activities

Traditions in Amherst!

The theme for the Fourth of July Parade this year is Traditions in Amherst—and among the many traditions that make Amherst a cohesive community is the Fourth of July Celebration. Starting on July 3 at Souhegan High School with fireworks sponsored by the Granite State Credit Union, the event continues through to early afternoon on July 4th.

On Monday, July 4, the Children's Bicycle Parade, with judging at 9:45, starts from Knight's Field at the top of Main Street at 10:00 a.m. and proceeds to the Town Hall. Amherst Lion Anne Hoag has been overseeing this favorite event of the children in town for many years.

The Parade, with fire engines leading, steps off from Wilkins School at 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Quinn, last year's Citizen of the Year, and her husband, Jim, are the Parade Marshalls this year. Behind them will come state and local dignitaries and past Citizens of the Year, followed by clowns, mini-kars, bands, marching groups, Uncle Sam-on-Stilts, floats, members of the Silver Lining Circus Camp, mini entries, antique autos, New Hampshire Revolutionary and Civil War Regiments, the Kazoo Band, wheelmen, and more! The Fourth of July Committee is hopeful that this year there will be more mini entries reflecting the many Amherst traditions. Jim Janson, taking over from Louise Marley as Float Chair, will, along with his committee, be judging floats at 9:30 am. Louise is retiring this year after 32 years on the committee!

On the Village Green, the annual Art Show will showcase the talent of local artists. At 9:15 Uncle Sam on Stilts will read the Declaration of Independence from the Reviewing Stand. Following the reading will be singing by a new group, The Music Man Quartet, that comes to the celebration by way of this year's PTA play! There will also be booths for children's activities, food, drink, organizational literature, and political literature. Clowns will make balloon animals and do glitter tattoos, and Diane DeSimone and her

faithful group of Pocket Ladies will be giving out small gifts to the children. There will also be an exciting selection of animals for the children to pet and look at, and the Animal Rescue League will be bringing some adoptable animals that are available at their Bedford location.

Craftspeople will demonstrate old-fashioned crafts at the Town Hall end of the Green. New this year will be Shaker oval box making and quilting. The Antique Auto Show will take place on the Church side of the Green before the Reviewing Stand Ceremony which will take place on the new reviewing stand, a gift from the Lions Club and the end result of months of work by Charlie Vars. Included in the gift is a new public address system! Reed Panasiti, Mr. Fourth of July, is happy at last! Following the reviewing stand ceremony and the presentation to the Citizen of the Year, there will be a short martial arts demonstration. The dog show, which requires no registration and will be on the reviewing stand, has a different twist this year—people are being asked to talk about their dogs and the dogs' accomplishments!

Thanks are due to the Fourth of July Committee which has worked many hours to make the celebration work: Bob Schaumann, Caroline Arnold, Charlene Carper, Chris Shaver, Debbie Spellman, Diane DeSimone, George Coddington, Gretchen Pyles, Jeff Odhner, Katherine Lockwood, Liz Morgan, Liz Overholt, Lydia Greene, Mary Beyers, Mary Mahar, Noel Ward, Bill Overholt, MB Lincoln, Paula Schmida, Peggy Stokes, Reed Panasiti, and Nancy Head.

Dogs on Parade

The dogs of Amherst love a parade, and we love to see the dogs in the parade! Please join us at Spalding Field (the corner of Foundry Street and Davis Lane) on Monday, July 4th at 9:50 a.m.

There will be a prize for the most patriotic or best dressed dog.

We will join in the parade and march on to the reviewing stand at the Green.

If you would like to march with us, please contact Mary Beyers by email at pmselby@comcast.net or by telephone at 672-7835.

July 3rd—Fireworks!

The July 4th festivities will begin on Sunday, July 3, at the Souhegan High School. Starting the evening off on the Bean baseball field at 5:30 p.m. will be a charity softball game, Amherst Fire Department and EMS versus Milford Fire Department. There will be games, hot dogs and drinks for sale, and fire trucks and ambulances to tour. On the front lawn of the high school will be REMAX tethered hot air balloon rides with proceeds going to local charities. Set up of the balloon will be from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The Undertow Band, made up of a group of talented high school students, will play in the field by the stadium refreshment stand starting at 6:00 p.m. Also in the stadium refreshment stand area will be a caricaturist, Tarot card readings by Sibyl Yaga, face painting, sales of July 4th pins, and food—cotton candy, ice cream, slush, baked goods, drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizza, all at family friendly prices.

At 7:00 pm, on the stadium field, George the Magician, sponsored by Bot-L-Gas, will astonish young and old with his magic.

At 8:00 p.m., in the stadium, the Town Band Concert, a favorite annual event, will begin under the direction of Pat McMullen. When dusk arrives, the giant "G" for Granite State Credit Union, major sponsor of the Fourth of July fireworks, will begin the display put on by Mike Buffelli and volunteers. A great fireworks show is expected!

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