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1 Brattleboro set to 'Go Fourth' with parade, fireworks

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 The 53rd annual "By the People: Brattleboro Goes
5 Fourth" Independence Day celebration is set for Saturday, July 4,
6 2026 — the nation's 250th anniversary — with a morning parade
7 downtown and afternoon and evening program of family
8 activities and fireworks at Living Memorial Park.

9 Marching units — including the local American Legion
10 and Brattleboro Union High School bands, veterans, and civic
11 and youth groups — will kick off the festivities at 10 a.m. with a

12 parade from Flat Street to Main Street to the Common. (The
13 shorter length comes in response to requests from older marchers
14 and the challenge of finding enough volunteers and public safety
15 patrols to monitor a longer distance.)

16 Brattleboro's Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,
17 which is sponsoring the parade, will lead the march with its giant
18 American flag, while local personality Alfred Hughes Jr. will
19 conclude the event by debuting his annual top-secret ensemble.

20 Anyone seeking to decorate a bicycle for inclusion can
21 do so July 4 at 9 a.m. at the Whetstone pathway beside the
22 Brattleboro Food Co-op.

23 The parade route also will host athletes in the Red Clover
24 Rovers Firecracker 4-Miler, set to run from Living Memorial Park
25 at 9:15 a.m. through downtown to the Common.

26 After, the town Recreation & Parks Department will offer
27 a series of public concerts, sporting events, and family activities
28 at Living Memorial Park — just off Western Avenue and Interstate
29 91 Exit 2 — from 2:30 p.m. to the start of fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

30 Highlights include a Small Fry baseball All-Star game at
31 2:30 p.m., a New England Center for Circus Arts performance at
32 5:45 p.m., and the Gaslight Tinkers band from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

33 All programs are free thanks to citizen, civic, and
34 corporate donations, starting with the celebration's main
35 sponsors, the Brattleboro Elks, C&S Wholesale Grocers, The
36 Richards Group, and Vermont Country Deli.

37 More than a dozen other individuals and institutions are
38 major contributors, including Brattleboro Hearing Center;
39 Brattleboro Historical Society; Brattleboro Kiwanis Club;
40 Brattleboro Savings & Loan; Champion Overhead Door; Costello,
41 Valente & Gentry P.C.; Lynde Well Drilling; and Trust Company
42 of Vermont.

43 People seeking to support the event can mail donations
44 to "Brattleboro Goes Fourth," P.O. Box 1112, Brattleboro, VT
45 05302.

46 More information, including weather updates, is
47 available on the Brattleboro Goes Fourth Facebook page at
48 facebook.com/BrattleboroGoesFourth.

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