



Lebanon Fourth of July

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Celebration Committee



May 13, 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The use of photographic film was pioneered by George Eastman. His first camera, which he called the "Kodak," was offered for sale in 1888. By 1900, mass-market photography took root with the "Brownie", his simple and very inexpensive box camera that introduced the concept of the snapshot. The Brownie was extremely popular and various models remained on sale until the 1960's.

Perhaps it is with one of these early camera's your family photos were taken. The pride and patriotism you feel when you see generations of your family in old black and white photos, dressed in military uniforms, off to fight for our freedom and safety. The statue of the Minute Man on The Green in Lexington, MA was captured on film during a vacation learning about the American Revolution and our succession from oppressive British rule. I love its old deckle-edges and the learning that came with immersion into the battle grounds in Concord and the Old North Bridge where the "Shot heard round the World" was fired. Once color film arrived, the photos brought a vivid dimension to our memories. The family July 4th gatherings, chock full of blueberry pie, Grandma in a red apron and bunting on the barn, were captured along with smiles and quality time together.

These are the pictures I have in my mind of July 4th, but what are yours? Join us as we celebrate with this years' Parade theme, **"Pictures of Patriotism"**.

Break out the bunting and flags, as the house-decorating contest will be judged early in the morning. Roads will be closed at 9:00 AM for the safety of all participants and spectators.

Our celebration begins on Main Street with the Children's Parade at 9:30 AM, for infants and children 10 and younger (Registration opens at 8:00 AM). The main parade steps off at 10:00 AM, with festivities, food and fun following in Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park. Have you seen the Tug-of-War contest?

Your past contributions have helped make this annual event a regional destination for free, family fun, right in our own back yard. This parade and picnic exists based solely on your contributions, and that need is great this year. Donations of \$100. or greater will receive special promotional items as a "Thank You". We are counting on all of our neighbors to donate and ensure the continuity of this wholesome event as we celebrate that picture in your mind of freedom, family and country.

Sincerely yours,

Sam and Cathy

Sam & Cathy Berger, Parade Chairpersons

Yes! I would like to support the 2016 Lebanon 4th of July Celebration with my check made payable to:

LEBANON CELEBRATION COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 158, Lebanon, NJ 08833

Please accept my donation of ☐\$50 ☐\$100 ☐\$200 \$ Other

On-Line donations via secure credit card can be made at www.lebanonboro4thofjulyparade.com

☐ I would be happy to volunteer for next year's parade! Please add my e-mail address to your distribution list of scheduled monthly meetings, starting in January.

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