



Dear friends and neighbors:

Lots of things have changed over the past 77 years. In 1947, a bottle of Coke cost a nickel, bananas were \$.11 a pound, gas cost \$.23 a gallon, a first-class postage stamp cost \$.03, and a loaf of bread was \$.13.

Against this background, at a time when the world was still healing from World War II, the little Borough of Lebanon, New Jersey, decided to organize a celebration of an enduring America – one that had weathered a devastating conflict and come out stronger and even more committed to democracy and freedom than ever. So, in 1947, the first Lebanon Boro 4th of July Parade stepped off down Main Street. This year, in tribute to the spirit of that first parade, the 77th Annual Lebanon Boro 4th of July Parade will step off with the theme “**An Enduring Tradition**”, honoring its standing as the longest running 4th of July Parade in Hunterdon County.

This free and fun event brings families and friends together for an iconic small-town celebration, alive with civic pride and patriotic displays, and followed by an afternoon of music, family-friendly games, and complimentary food and drink at Holjes-Shepard Memorial Park. (Start planning now to deck out your home or business in full patriotic regalia for the big day. Our “Best Decorated” judges will be looking for displays that best highlight this year’s “An Enduring Tradition” theme.)

As always, one of the most remarkable things about this annual event is that it is funded entirely by the people and businesses in the Borough of Lebanon. Your generous contributions – of your ideas, your time, your dollars – are what makes this event possible each year.

- To donate by mail, fill out the form below and return to **Lebanon Celebration Committee, P.O. Box 158, Lebanon, NJ 08833**. (See Form for details.)
- To donate securely via credit card visit <https://www.lebanonboro4thofjulyparade.com/donate/>.
- To get involved in planning or on the day itself, join our Celebration Committee meetings at 7:30 pm in Borough Hall on the last Wednesday of each month or email chairperson Sam Berger at sberger56@aol.com.
- To register to march in the Parade, visit <https://lebanonboro4thofjulyparade.com/register/>

Lebanon Fourth of July Celebration Committee

Here's my donation of \$_____. Make checks payable to **LEBANON CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**. Donate \$125 (or more) and we'll drop off a commemorative mug, banner, and button at your home before the event! Fill out your address below so we can deliver your items. [Check here if you don't need a gift.]

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