

Happy Fourth of July

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July 4th: Celebration of U.S. Independence

Representatives of 13 United Colonies Signed our
 Declaration of Independence from England

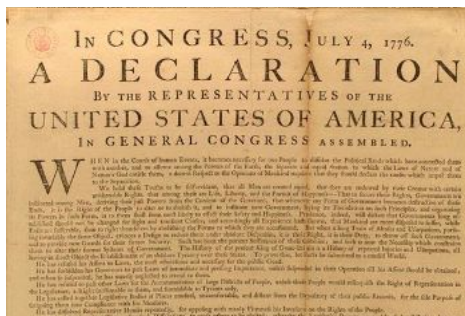
Happy Independence Day!

For Fireworks, parades and other celebrations in the Charlotte area, [click here](#).

Did You Know?

On July 4th, 1776 the Continental Congress formally adopted the [Declaration of Independence](#) written primarily by Thomas Jefferson. Perhaps the best known and most uplifting part of the Declaration are these words:

"...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."



In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. However, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty. First celebrations of American independence included the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence accompanied by concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets.

Fourth of July Fireworks

The tradition of setting off fireworks on July 4th began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777 during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. A ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. *The Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

I am grateful to serve and represent the people of Charlotte and very much want to continue the work I have started as your At-Large City Councilwoman. I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming municipal general election on July 26.



Sincerely,

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