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The Word on the Street

A variety of activities and events celebrating Independence Day will take place in downtown Haddonfield on **Fri Jul 3**.

What are your plans for the holiday?



▲ *"I'll be traveling," says **SANDY FERNANDEZ** of Oakland CA. "But on a regular Fourth, I'd be enjoying a barbecue with friends and watching fireworks on the Embarcadero."*



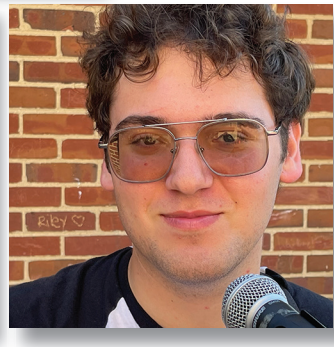
◀ ***PETER N.** of St Louis MO will likely "let the winds carry me to wherever the patriotic mood feels the most salient."*



◀ *"Nothing," says **JOY J.** of Voorhees. "The day of independence that I celebrate is June 19 – Juneteenth. The Fourth of July has no significance for me or for my culture."*

▶ ***RAIMUND KOERFER** of Palmetto FL is looking forward to spending the weekend with his two daughters and their husbands. "Maybe we'll all watch the parade downtown!"*





▶ *For Oakland CA's **CHAD ROKEACH,** the Third will be a poker night with friends in Asheville NC. And the Fourth? "I'll be flying home.. By the time I get there, all the action will be over."*



▲ ***DASH GREY** of Collingswood doesn't have any plans yet. "But the parade and drone show in Haddonfield sound like fun." Anything else? "Maybe I'll read up on the history of the signing of the Declaration of Independence."*

Read this!

› The Library Book Club for adult readers will meet at the Public Library from 6:30 to 8pm on **Mon Jul 27** to discuss *My Friends.* a work of translated fiction by Fedrik Backman.

All are welcome. To participate from home, contact Kayla Polt: *kpolt @haddonfieldlibrary.org*

Jazz on a Sunday afternoon

› Mark your calendar for **Sun Aug 23** at 2pm and look forward to an afternoon of cool traditional jazz at the Methodist Church, presented by the Tri-State Jazz Society.

World-class British pianist Neville Dickie will return with Tri-State veterans Joe and Paul Midiri.

Dickie is among the most accomplished stride and boogie-woogie pianists on either side of the Atlantic. The Midiri brothers have recorded with everything from trios to big bands.

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To sign-up online, go here – bit.ly/43UEVNW – or scan the QR code ◄.

If that's something you need to learn how to do, call Sheri Siegel at 856-354-8789.

The Senior Center is grateful to the student volunteers for sharing their time and talents again this summer.

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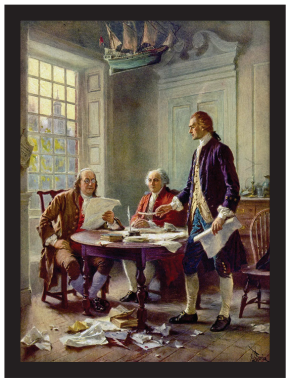
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Coming up in the coming weeks, all from 10am to 2pm:

- **Sat Jun 27 –** George Washington, Betsy Ross, beeswax, and candlemaking.
- **Sat Jul 18 –** Inside the Revolutionary wardrobe.
- **Sat Jul 25 –** The Sea Dogs, a pirate/privateer band, will perform energetic sea shanties and nautical songs.
- **Sat Aug 1 –** Make ice cream the 18th century way.
- **Sat Aug 8 –** Punch & Judy Show. A big hit – forgive the pun – during the Skirmish. Not to be missed!
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What's new?

› The Mabel Kay Senior Center on Walnut Street invites seniors to stop by for its Friday Drop-In.

Relax with coffee, chat with friends, work on a puzzle, read the paper, or simply enjoy some company.

Come on your own or with a friend. Stay as long – or as short – as you like. 9:30am to 1pm.

Shop thriftily

› The thrift shop in the basement of Grace Church will be open on **Fri Jul 3** and **Sat Jul 4**.

Then it will close from **Fri Jul 10** and reopen on **Fri Sep 11**.

However ... it will be open during the Craft Festival on **Sat Jul 11** and **Sun Jul 12**.

Hours are 10am to 4pm.

Choir camp

› Children ages 7 to 14 who love to sing are invited to register for the Grace (Church) Choir Summer Camp, **Mon Aug 17** to **Fri Aug 21**, 9am to 3:30pm daily.

In addition to singing, there will be games and Boomwhackers! The fee is $150. To register, go here – bit.ly/4uQWKIw – or scan the QR ▶.

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Symphony in C's annual Gala at the Tavistock Country Club on Sunday, May 17, 2026 was a tribute to visionary philanthropy and the power of collective giving. In particular, it honored Kyle Ruffin and Impact 100 South Jersey.

Symphony in C is one of only three professional training orchestras in the United States, providing exceptional young musicians the opportunity to refine their performance skills as they prepare for careers in leading orchestras around the world. **symphonyinc.org**

Give blood

› Whether you're a regular donor or a potential first-timer, the Red Cross wants you!

A Blood Drive is scheduled to be held at the Lutheran Church on **Fri Jul 10** from 12n to 5pm.

To make an appointment, go here – bit.ly/45xTrwX – or scan the QR code ◄.

Schedule a **BLOOD DRIVE** time

Retirement 101

› Discussions focusing on meaningful ways to develop creative potential, stay sharp, stay connected, and enjoy retirement are presented at the Mabel Kay Senior Center each fourth Wednesday.

Registration is required at 856-354-8789 or *ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov.*

Heat refuge

› On weekdays when the temperature is forecast to exceed 90 degrees, the Mabel Kay Senior Center will be open from 9am to 4:30pm.

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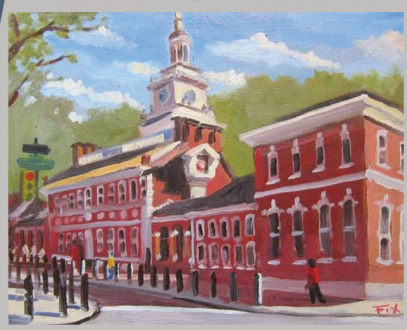
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ROTARY'S YEAR IN REVIEW

As one Rotary year comes to a close and another begins, we look back on a year in which Club members participated in a wide range of service activities, forged strong partnerships, and made a difference – locally, regionally, and internationally.

We completed improvements to the irrigation system at Rotary Circle, and continued our long-standing support for a Little League team. We partnered with the Haddonfield Educational Trust to address food insecurity among local students. And at Fall Festival, we hosted pumpkin painting – a fun activity for children and their parents to share.

Regionally, we supported individuals and families in need by collecting and donating school supplies, pet supplies, children's pajamas, and essential household items. Rotary Club members continued to volunteer at Cathedral Kitchen, and we provided graduates of their culinary program with cookbooks to acknowledge both accomplishment and opportunity. Once again, we hosted a Saturday morning collection that results in unwanted bicycles being given a second life.

Internationally, we have long-standing relationships in Ghana. This year, with Rotary International support, we funded a well that provides easy access to clean water. We are now working to help provide a hospital in Ghana with essential equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs.

A cornerstone of the club's mission continues to be its Foundation's scholarship program. In May, more than fifteen students received scholarships of $2,500 each – a tangible, valuable investment in the next generation across academic, artistic, athletic, and vocational fields.

Fundraising efforts throughout the year brought the community together, while supporting these initiatives. Events such as Music Bingo and Haddonfield Day at the Dino Park were made possible through the generosity of many local businesses. (Look for the Rotary sticker in windows of participating businesses, and thank them for their support of Rotary's work!)

This year wasn't about one single moment – it was about showing up again and again for our community – a consistency that makes Rotary's impact measurable and meaningful.

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• **Tue Jul 14** at 7pm. When gunshots ring out at 1601 Iris Drive, Sheriff Emmy Clifton and her sister, ex-federal agent Jude Archer, discover a devastating crime scene. Allison Vickery has been murdered in her kitchen, and her teenage daughter is upstairs, bleeding and left for dead.

Everyone thinks they know what happened. But secrets are buried everywhere in this town. It's up to Emmy Clifton to uncover the truth.

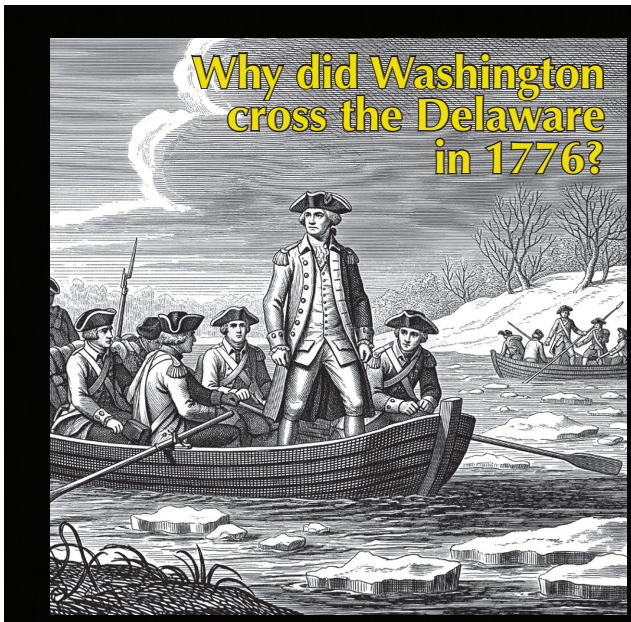
A conversation with bestselling author Karin Slaughter about *The Secrets We Hide,* due out on **Tue Aug 11**.

• **Thu Jul 16** at 2pm. In her ambitious new memoir, *Migrant Heart: Essays About Things I Can't Forget,* beloved bestselling author Reyna Grande illuminates the hidden cost of the American Dream and the complex journey of healing that follows survival.

What is the true power of stories? Can they heal the jagged edges of a traumatic childhood? Is the cost of telling the story worth the price of the cure?

To register go here – bit.ly/3U3SlAJ – or scan the QR code ◄.

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Hours are 11am to 6pm on Saturday; 10am to 5pm on Sunday.

The event is "rain or shine."

More the 200 juried artisans from throughout the Mid-Atlantic states will set up tents on Kings Highway (Speedline to Haddon Ave), Tanner Street, and in Kings Court.

The festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors and has become a signature summer event for the region, showcasing work in ceramics, glass, jewelry, fiber, wood, photography, painting, sculpture, and mixed media.

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If you're a member of the Haddonfield Public Library, you can do just that, for free, courtesy of the Haddonfield Friends of the Library.

The Library has passes to more than a dozen area cultural facilities, including the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Battleship New Jersey, Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art, Eastern State Penitentiary, and Elmwood Park Zoo.

Also: The Independence Seaport Museum, Penn Museum, Morven Museum & Garden, Museum of the American Revolution, Mutter Museum, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Please Touch Museum, and Philadelphia's Magic Gardens.

Passes to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, each of which will admit five people to the museum, were given to the Library in memory of Kathy Burmaster, a longtime Haddonfield resident who loved modern art and who volunteered for many years as a docent at the Barnes Foundation.

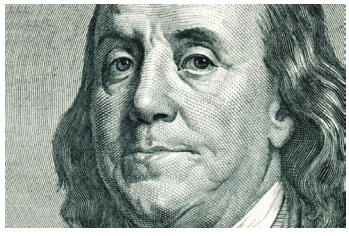
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› The new location for the Haddonfield Farmers Market – the parking lot behind Wildfether Distilling (236 Kings Hwy E) – is getting rave reviews from vendors and shoppers alike.

The common comment: "There's so much more room!" (And, as a result, more vendors.)

(The Borough is using the market's former location in Kings Court for programming relating to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.)

As always, shoppers will find fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, artisanal foods, specialty drinks, premier BBQ, and handmade items. And live music.

Market hours are 8:30am to 1pm, rain or shine, through **Sat Oct 10.**

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The Rotary Club of Haddonfield Foundation has awarded grants totaling $17,000 to the following seven charitable organizations:

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Cathedral Kitchen – $1,900: 4 adjustable tables for the Culinary Arts Training Program.

Little Hands, Little Feet – $2,000: New and gently used clothing to children at risk, newborn to 16.

Scouting America Garden State Council – $2,000: Support a Scout Reach Unit serving 25 youth. Program expenses, uniform, materials, and transportation for learning opportunities.

Social Responsibility Through Me – $3,000: Summer camp for Camden youth. 30 registrations and 10 single-week scholarships.

Upstream Alliance – $3,000: Camden Education Program. Immersive learning experiences along the Delaware River.

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› After a one-year absence, the Ankokas Haddonfield Car Show will return to town for its 38th annual display on **Sat Sep 12**. If rain: **Sat Sep 19**.

The show is open to all vehicles up to and including 2011, stock and modified. The showfield is limited to 180 vehicles. Registration is "day-of-show" only.

Top 40 trophies, special awards, music, and the shops of Haddonfield make this a special event.

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Lunch, learn

› A very popular program at the Mabel Kay Senior Center – Something to Chew On – has some interesting speakers on its schedule.

The program runs from 12:30 to 2pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

- **Wed Jul 8 –** Carolyn Busa, owner of Peak Secondhand in Audubon, moved back to South Jersey after nearly eight years living in Brooklyn NY and working as a stand-up comedian.

She's spent the last few years honing a routine about the concept of "peaking" – love yourself, love your body, and love showing that to the world. "Self-appreciation punchlines rather self-deprecating ones."

- **Wed Jul 22 –** The Gift of Life Donor Program coordinates more organ and tissue donors than any other organization in the United States.

Colleen Brand will talk about why and how to donate. A donor recipient who will accompany her will describe the experience.

- **Wed Aug 12 –** Rodney Thomas, commander of Haddonfield American Legion Post 38.
- **Wed Aug 26 –** Tanya Jeter, Community Outreach Specialist with the FBI, will speak about elder fraud.

Registration is required, for catering purposes. Free for Haddonfield residents; $3 for others.

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Around the Town

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Inkwood Books unveils Inkwheels, 'Your neighborhood book truck'

By Matt Skoufalos / June 17, 2026



▲ *Julie Beddingfield in the cab of Inkwheels, the mobile component of her Haddonfield book shop. Photo: Matt Skoufalos.*

READ MORE ABOUT IT! For the rest of the story on your smartphone, scan:

› NJPen subscribers can read the rest of the story here – bit.ly/3SrQidM – or scan the QR ◄.

When Julie Beddingfield opened Inkwood Books in downtown Haddonfield in 2015, she wanted her business to become a space within which people could find community around reading.

In the time since, she's moved the shop to a newer, larger location that supports a robust calendar of events, from book clubs and author signings to open mics and poetry readings.

What Beddingfield and her team haven't always had the ability to support are off-premises gatherings — although that hasn't stopped customers from requesting them.

"It's fun to be meeting people where they are," she said, "or they discover you in an unlikely place, and talk about books outside of the store."

"For years, we have been trying to figure out a way to do it that's efficient and practical for our small staff [and] for me to be able to haul stuff [to an offsite event]."

The answer presented itself when the family took a vacation to Japan and fell in love with Kei trucks.

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Your Events?

› On this calendar, and throughout *Haddonfield Today*, we list and publicize coming events sponsored by Haddonfield organizations.

Email details to *news @gumnutgroup.com* by the Tuesday before publication date.

Looking Ahead

› When space permits, we publish a long alphabetical list of coming events in Haddonfield.

See page 33.

Publisher Picks

› On my calendar?

- 6/27: Farmers Market
- 6/27: George, Betsy, and beeswax
- 7/2: Movie: "1776"
- 7/2: Block Party
- 7/3: Pick-Up Band
- 7/3: Drone Show
- 7/8: Lunch & Learn
- 7/11: Yard Sale
- 7/12: Crafts Festival



28

Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

29

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Party on the Point /PL **10-11**
Fourth of July Take-Home Craft /PL **10-5**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11, 11**^{15}**-12**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Ukulele with Chris /PL **7-7**^{45}

30

Tech Tuesday /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Traveling Storytime: *Haddy* /DT **9**^{30}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
3D Build: *Birdhouse* /PL **1-1**^{30}
Perimenopause: Fact or Fad? /PL **6**^{30}**-7**^{30}

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Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Storytime + Open
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Line Dancing /MK
Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Magic Watercolor /
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{30}

05

CLOSED Public Library
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

06

POSTPONED to today: Friday's recycling and vegetative waste collection
Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Lego Duplo Club /PL **10-12**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11, 11**^{15}**-12**
Lego Club /PL **1-3**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Creative Writing Group /PL **6**^{30}**-8**

07

Tech Tuesday /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Dino Reading Buddy /PL **10-10**^{30}
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Planning /BH **7**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

08

Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Storytime + Open
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Beginners Line Dan
Something to Chev
Totally Beaded /PL
Cookie Decorating
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{30}
Republican Club /B
Historic Preservatio

12

CLOSED Public Library
Crafts Festival /DT **10-5**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Dance Haddonfield /GC **6-10**

13

Monday with Mayor Siedell /JJ **7-8**^{30}
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Sports Sand Craft /PL **10-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **10**^{15}**-11, 11**^{15}**-12**
Mah Jongg /MK **1-3**
Girls Who Code /PL **2-4**
Commission Work Session /BH V **6**^{30}
American Legion Post 38 /HQ **7**^{30}

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Tech Tuesday /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Traveling Storytime / **9**^{30}**-10**
Coffee & Conversation /110 **10-12**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10**^{15}**-11**
Bridge Club /MK **12**^{30}**-3**
Girls Who Code /PL **2-4**
Backyard Chickens /BH **7**
Sparkle Book Club /PL **6**^{30}**-8**
Library Author Talk /V **7-8**
Toastmasters /LC **7**^{15}

15

Balance & Core /M
Pilates /PC **9**^{15}**-10**
Summer Storytime
Coffee & Schmooze
Rotary Club /TCC **1**
Beginners Line Dan
Bingo /MK **1-2**^{30}
Girls Who Code /PL
Cookie Decorating
Tai-Chi /LC **3-4, 6**^{30}
Municipal Alliance
Mystery Book Club

110	110 Rhoads Ave	DT	Downtown	HPP	Haddonfield Plays & Players	KC	Kings Court	LC	Lutheran Church	MK	M
BC	Baptist Church	GC	Grace Church	HQ	Post 38, 129 Veterans Lane	KR	King's Road Brewing Co	M	Mechanic Street	PC	P
BH	Borough Hall	GH	Greenfield Hall	IKTM	Indian King Tavern Museum	JJ	Jersey Java & Tea	MC	Methodist Church	PL	P

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Thursday

Open Hours

Acme M-S 7-10, Su 7-9
Borough Hall M-F 8^{30}-4^{30}
CVS M-F 9-9, S 9-7, Su 12-5
Pharmacy M-F 9-9, S 9-5, Su 12-5
Pharmacy is closed 1^{30}-2
Greenfield Hall M W Th 1-4
Archives Center W 11-1 S 12-3
Indian King Tavern Museum
W Th F S 10-12, 1-4, Su 1-4
Post Office M-F 8^{30}-4^{30}, S 9-1
Public Library M T Th 10-8,
W F 10-5, S 10-2, Su: Closed Jul, Aug

Friday

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Friday Drop-In /MK **9^{30}-1**
Dino Disco Dance Party /PL **10-10^{30}**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11^{15}-12**
Film Series /PL **1^{30}-4^{30}**
Futbol Friday /M **3-9**
The Hotspurs! /HPP **8**

Saturday

27 JUN

Farmers Market /DT **8^{30}-1**
Celebrate 250: *George Washington, Betsy Ross, Beessax & Candlemaking* /KC **10-2**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Dino Reading Buddy /PL **10^{30}-11**

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K **9^{15}-10**

Play /PL **10-10^{30}**
e /MK **10-12**
2^{15}-1^{30}
12^{30}-2

/PL **2-3**
-9^{15}

02

Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Rail Cube STEAM /PL **11-12**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}**
65 Club /110 **1^{30}**
Movie: *1776* /HQ **3**
Lego Club /PL **4-6**
Mah Jongg /MK **4^{15}-6**
Movie: *1776* /HQ **7**

03 INDEPENDENCE DAY *observed*

OPEN 7-Eleven, Acme, Banks, CVS, Grace Thrift Shop **10-4**, Jersey Java, Sunoco (gas only)
CLOSED Borough Hall, Mabel Kay Senior Center, Public Library
AS SCHEDULED Trash collection
POSTPONED to Monday: Recycling
Reading the Declaration /IKTM **9^{30}**
Pick-Up Band /BH **9^{30}**
Parade /DT **10**
Hot Dog Eating Contest /KR **12**
Block Party & Drone Show /DT **5-9^{30}**

04 INDEPENDENCE DAY

OPEN 7-Eleven, Acme, CVS, Farmers Market, Grace Thrift Shop
CLOSED Banks, Jersey Java, Public Library, Sunoco
Farmers Market /DT **8^{30}-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

Play /PL **10-10^{30}**
e /MK **10-12**
2^{15}-1^{30}
ncing /MK **12^{30}-2**
w On /MK **12^{30}-2**
1-2
/PL **2^{30}-3^{15}**
-9^{15}
BH **7**
on /BH **7^{30}**

09

Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Rockin' Out with Mr Bobby /PL **10-10^{30}**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}**
Glittercore /PL **1-2**
Read to a Dog /PL **1-2**
65 Club /110 **1^{30}**
Mah Jongg /MK **4^{15}-6**
Cordage: Art of Plant Rope /PL **6-8**

10

CLOSED School District offfices
Friday Drop-In /MK **9^{30}-1**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11^{15}-12**
Ice Cream Party /PL **11^{30}-12**
Blood Drive /LC **12-5**
Film Series /PL **1^{30}-4^{30}**
Bollywood Practice /MK **3-5**

11

Farmers Market /DT **8^{30}-1**
Crafts Festival /DT **11-6**
Thrift Shop /GC **10-4**

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2-4
/PL **2^{30}-3^{15}**
-9^{15}
/BH **7**
/PL **7-8**

16

Beginner Art /MK **9-12**
Sculpt & Tone /PC **9^{15}-10**
Summer Babies /PL **10-10^{30}**
Fitness with Mel /MK **10^{15}-11**
Swedish Museum /PL **11-12**
Advanced Art /MK **12-3**
Tai Chi /MK **1-1^{45}**
65 Club /110 **1^{30}**
Library Author Talk /V **2-3**
Girls Who Code /PL **2-4**
Mah Jongg /MK **4^{15}-6**
Lions Club /TCC **6^{15}**

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CLOSED School District offfices
Friday Drop-In /MK **9^{30}-1**
Party on the Point /PL **10-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **10^{15}-11**
Chair Yoga /MK **11^{15}-12**
3D Build /PL **1-1^{30}**
Film Series /PL **1^{30}-4^{30}**

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Farmers Market /DT **8^{30}-1**
Splash into a Story /PL **10-10^{30}**
Celebrate 250: *Inside the Revolutionary Wardrobe* /KC **10-2**

Mabel Kay Senior Center
Presbyterian Church
Public Library

TCC Tavistock Country Club
V Virtual

ADDITIONS? ERRORS? OMISSIONS?
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Celebrate the Fourth on the Third

› Celebrations in Haddonfield of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence will take place on **Fri Jul 3**. Activities will begin at 9:30am with a reading of the Declaration on the steps of the Indian King Tavern Museum. The Pick-Up Band will play on the steps of the Borough Hall.

At 10am, a parade organized by the Celebrations Association will step off from Chestnut Street, headed for the High School. At 11:30am, families are invited to enjoy Storytime with Commissioner Cole at the gazebo in Kings Court. She will read *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers. Then at 12n, the Hot Dog Eating Contest returns, at King's Road Brewing Co. Music will be provided throughout the day on the Camden County stage.

On Kings Highway at 5pm, a block party will feature games, face painting, food trucks, and live music. The festivities will culminate at dusk, with Haddonfield's first-ever drone show. View between Chestnut and Haddon Ave.

What do American freedom, history, and pride mean to you?
March or float your idea down Kings Highway for all to see on July 3!

HADDONFIELD CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATION

invites groups of individuals, families, organizations, clubs, streets, blocks, and neighborhoods to enter its 2026



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NOTE: In 2026, the Haddonfield Parade and Celebrations will be on the Observed Holiday: **Friday, July 3.**

Start planning your presentation NOW! Maybe host a pizza party to discuss themes and ideas with family, friends, and neighbors.
It's not too soon to start ... July is just weeks away.
Contest rules and registration details at HaddonfieldCelebrations.org.

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Details at HaddonfieldCelebrations.org.



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Holiday hours

› The Borough Hall, Public Library, and Mabel Kay Senior Center will be closed on **Fri Jul 3**, the observed holiday for Independence Day.

Friday's trash will be collected as scheduled. Friday's recycling will be collected on **Mon Jul 6**; vegetative waste on **Mon Jul 6** and **Tue Jul 7.**

Bank holiday

› The Post Office, The UPS Store, and all Haddonfield banks will be open on **Fri Jul 3**, closed on **Sat Jul 4**.

Also open on **Fri Jul 3** – in addition to the Acme, 7-Eleven, CVS, and Starbucks – but closed on **Sat Jul 4**: Carl's Haddonfield Service (gas only) and Jersey Java.

Down dogs!

› The fourth annual Hot Dog Eating Contest at King's Road Brewing Company will take place on **Fri Jul 3** at about 12n.

Whether you're an eater or a watcher, it's a not-to-be-missed event.

Proceeds benefit the Haddonfield Educational Trust. To register, go here – bit.ly/4gBZMgo – or scan the QR ◄.

Register for **HOT DOG EATING CONTEST**

- **Jessica Keenan Smith, 53**
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- **Allison Jeanne MacDonald, 70**
  June 2, 2026
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  May 29, 2026
- **Mary J. Hovsepian, 95**
  May 5, 2026
- **Patricia "Pat" Shapleigh, 78**
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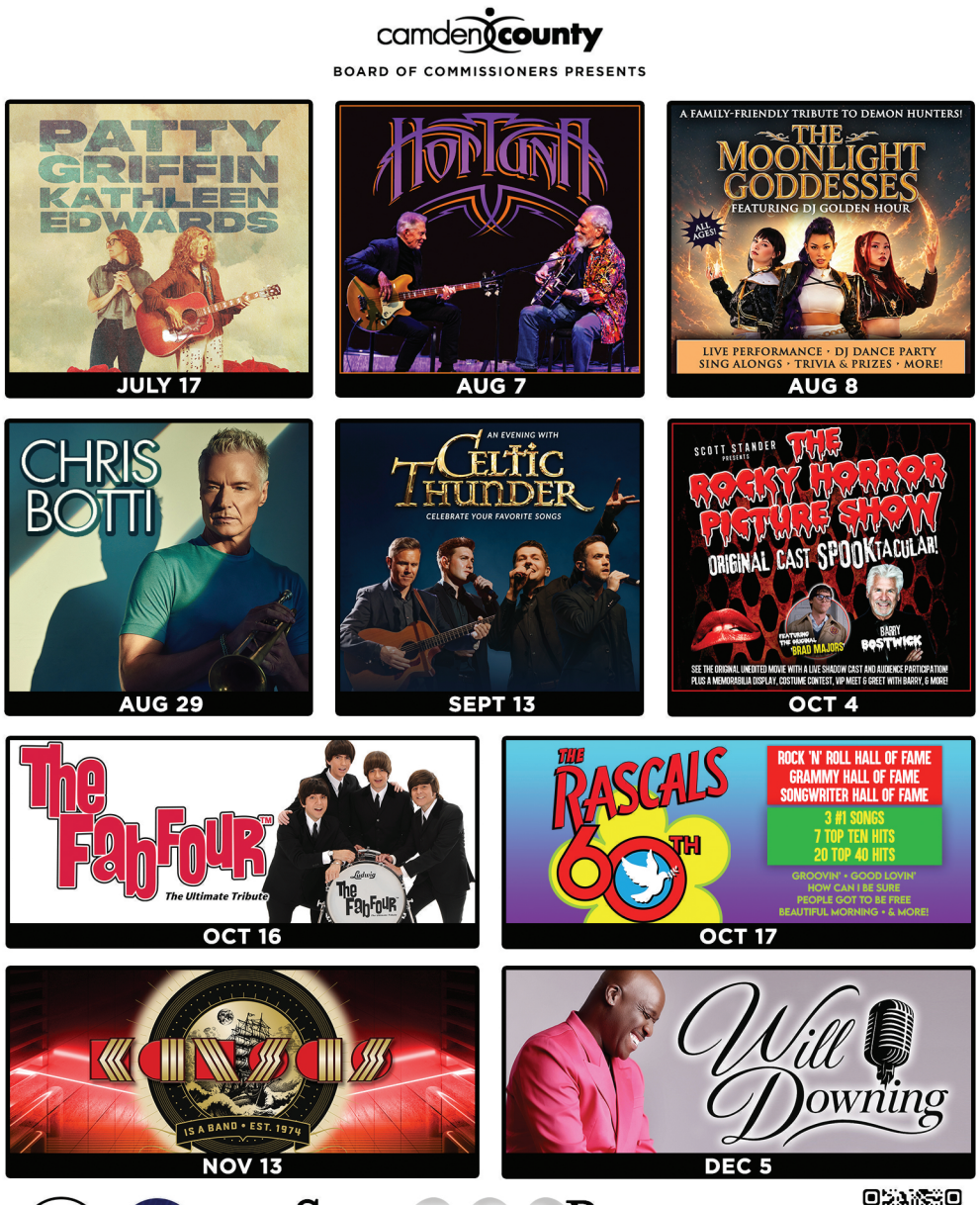
A 250th call to all: Participate in the parade!

› The Haddonfield Celebrations Association's rallying cry for this year's Independence Day parade is Participate!

It's a reflection not just of their desire for "everyone" to join the parade down Kings Highway at 10am on **Fri Jul 3** – note: NOT the Fourth! – but also of Benjamin Franklin's comment about the fragility of the Republic.

To encourage individuals, couples, families, organizations, clubs, streets, blocks, and neighborhoods to express themselves on this 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Association is offering a cash award of $250 for the "most patriotic" presentation. Participants who wish to be judged should register at the corner of Kings Hwy E and Chestnut Street between 8:30 and 9:30am.

All parade participants should line up on Chestnut Street no later than 9:45am. Note: There is no rain date for the parade.



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Watch "1776" on the Second!

› Haddonfield American Legion Post 38 invites "one and all" to a Family Movie Screening on **Thu Jul 2** at the Post headquarters, 129 Veterans Lane.

The movie is "1776," adapted from a 1969 Tony Award-winning Broadway musical dramatizing the debates and events leading to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The story focuses on John Adams's efforts to persuade the Continental Congress to vote for independence. It features the usual suspects, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.

Screenings will be at 3pm and 7pm. Free!

Seating is limited. Donations will be appreciated.

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Arrive by 9:15am. Downbeat at 9:30am.

PickUpBand.org

Hear ye! Hear!

› There will be a public reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the Indian King Tavern Museum on **Fri Jul 3** at 9:30am.

Members of the militia (re-enactors) who helped defend the new nation will be present.

The Museum will be open from 11am to 1pm.

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Get fit this summer: Pilates, Sculpt-&-Tone

› Just because the new season of fitness classes at the Presbyterian Church has been under way since **Mon Jun 1**, it doesn't mean you missed out. Fees can be pro-rated based on personal attendance schedules.

- Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Pilates. A progressive series of exercises that accommodate all fitness levels, focus on the abdominals and back, and are designed to increase strength, flexibility, and balance.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:15 to 10am: Sculpt & Tone. Group fitness using a non-aerobic strength- training system that combines effective exercises based on weight training, Pilates principles, and calisthenics, with tools such as tubes, bender balls, and glides.

Fees are $56 for 8 classes; $108 for 16; $156 for 24; $200 for 32.
Contact Sue Heindel for details: *sueheindel@gmail.com* or 609-238-5468.
Proceeds benefit the First Presbyterian Preschool.



Unearth a summer story at the Public Library

› Dust off your boots and grab your field kit ... The Haddonfield Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge – "Unearth A Story" – which runs thru **Mon Aug 31**, will take readers of all ages on an epic dig through some of the greatest discoveries in history.

Every book will be a new excavation, and every page will bring you closer to something extraordinary. Journey back to the age of the dinosaurs, walk alongside ancient civilizations, and explore the powerful forces that have shaped our planet for billions of years. Palaeontology, archaeology, and geology have given us some of the most thrilling wonders ever uncovered, and this summer, you get to be part of the adventure.

Whether you're 5 or 95, there's a story buried just beneath the surface waiting for you to find it. Set your reading goals, track your progress, earn rewards, and connect with fellow explorers right here in our community.

Young patrons (entering grades K thru 5) can pick up their Summer Reading log in the Children's Department. Teens (entering grades 6 thru 12) and adults can register on Beanstack, here: *haddonfieldlibrary.beanstack.com*.

Discover new favorites, earn prizes, and make the Library part of your summer adventure!

- Kids (thru grade 5) – Complete your challenge and return the log to the Library by **Mon Aug 31** to claim a certificate that's good for one slice of cheese pizza at Passeriello's! (A non-food prize is also available.)
- Teens (grades 6 thru 12) – Registration prize: A free book, available in the tech center! Completion prize: A slice of cheese pizza from Passariello's. Also: A chance to win one of the following raffle baskets: Back to School Survival Kit; a Cozy Reset Basket; and a Haddonfield Hangout Pack. Plus: Weekly drawings for a random Jellycat Plushie and candy!
- Adults – Registration reward: Spin the prize wheel! Weekly drawings: Gift cards for your favorite Haddonfield locations. Grand Prize: Dinner at Umlie and four tickets to Haddonfield Plays and Players.



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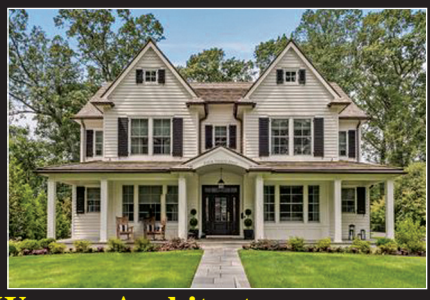
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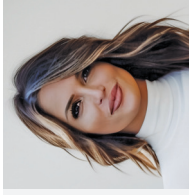
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Sat Sep 12	Antique Auto Show (Rain date: Sat Sep 19)	Downtown
Wed Sep 23	Autumn Sounds (thru Sun Sep 27)	Downtown
Fri Oct 9	Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation Golf Outing	Ramblewood Country Club
Fri Nov 27	Candlelight Shopping (also Fri Dec 4, 11, 18)	Downtown
Fri Dec 25	Christmas Day	
Mon Oct 12	Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day	
Sat Jul 11	Crafts & Fine Art Festival (thru Sun Jul 12)	Downtown
Sun Nov 1	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
Sun Nov 8	Diwali	
Fri Jul 3	Drone Show	Downtown
Sat Oct 3	Fall Festival	Downtown
Sat Oct 10	Farmers Market Last Day	Downtown
Tue Sep 8	First Day of Public School	
Sat Jul 4	Fourth of July parade and celebrations are on Fri Jul 3	
Tue Nov 3	General Election	
Fri Oct 9	Golf Tournament: Brad Wilby Memorial Foundation	Ramblewood Country Club
Mon Oct 12	Golf Tournament: Sarah Tarditi Gallagher Invitational	Tavistock Country Club
Sat Sep 19	Haddonfield 2026: *18th Century Chocolate-making*	Kings Court
Sat Jun 27	Haddonfield 2026: *Beeswax & Candlemaking*	Kings Court
Sat Sep 5	Haddonfield 2026: *Beeswax & Candlemaking*	Kings Court
Sat Aug 29	Haddonfield 2026: *Benjamin Franklin*	Kings Court
Sat Jun 27	Haddonfield 2026: *Betsy Ross*	Kings Court
Sat Aug 15	Haddonfield 2026: *Early American Music & Arts*	Kings Court
Sat Jun 27	Haddonfield 2026: *George Washington*	Kings Court
Sat Sep 26	Haddonfield 2026: Harpsichord & Voice	Kings Court
Sat Jul 18	Haddonfield 2026: *Inside the Revolutionary Wardrobe*	Kings Court
Sat Aug 1	Haddonfield 2026: *Make Ice Cream the 18th Century Way*	Kings Court
Sat Aug 15	Haddonfield 2026: *Make Your Own Paper, Colonial-Style*	Kings Court
Sat Aug 8	Haddonfield 2026: *Punch & Judy Show*	Kings Court
Sat Jul 25	Haddonfield 2026: *The Sea Dogs (Maritime Music)*	Kings Court
Sat Aug 22	Haddonfield 2026: *Robert Mouland's Music & Storytelling*	Kings Court
Sat Oct 31	Halloween	
Fri Oct 23	Halloween Night Market	Downtown
Fri Oct 30	Halloween Parade	Downtown
Fri Dec 4	Hanukkah (thru Sat Dec 12)	
Thu Dec 10	Holiday House Tour	Around Town
Fri Jul 3	Independence Day Parade, Block Party, Drone Show	Downtown
Sat Dec 26	Kwanzaa (thru Fri Jan 1)	
Sat Dec 19	Last Minute Magic (thru Thu Dec 24)	Downtown
Sat Sep 12	Lions Club Flea Market	One Centennial Square
Sat Oct 24	Lutheran 100th Anniversary Kick-Off	Tavistock Country Club
Sun Sep 27	Lutheran Oktoberfest	Lutheran Church
TBD	Menorah Lighting	Library Point
Thu Dec 31	New Year's Eve	
Thu Nov 5	NJEA Convention (thru Fri Nov 6; Public Schools Closed)	
Fri Jul 24	Phillies vs Yankees: Grace Church Outing (also Sat Jul 25)	Citizens Bank Park
Sat Aug 1	Property Taxes Due (also Sun Nov 1)	
Wed Sep 23	Restaurant Week (thru Sun Sep 27)	Downtown
Fri Sep 11	Rosh Hashanah (thru Sun Sep 13)	
Fri Nov 27	Santa Comes to Town	Library Point to Kings Court
Wed Sep 23	September Stroll (thru Sun Sep 27)	Downtown
Sat Nov 28	Shop Small / Brunch Big (thru Sun Nov 29)	Downtown
Sat Oct 3	Shredding Event	Borough Hall Parking Lot
Thu Aug 6	Sidewalk Sale (thru Sun Aug 9)	Downtown
Thu Aug 6	Summer Street Feast	Downtown
Fri Sep 25	Sweeney Todd (thru Sat Oct 10)	Plays & Players
Thu Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day	
Fri Nov 27	Tree Lighting	Library Point
Mon Aug 3	Vacation Bible School (to Fri Aug 7)	Christ the King Church
Mon Jul 13	Vacation Bible School (to Fri Jul 17)	First Baptist Church
Mon Jul 27	Vacation Bible School (to Fri Jul 31)	Lutheran Church
Mon Jul 27	Vacation Bible School (to Fri Jul 31)	Presbyterian Church
Wed Nov 11	Veterans Day	
Thu Dec 24	Winter Recess for Public Schools (thru Fri Jan 1)	
Thu Oct 8	Witchy Walk: Girls' Night Out	Downtown
Sun Sep 20	Yom Kippur (thru Mon Sep 21)	
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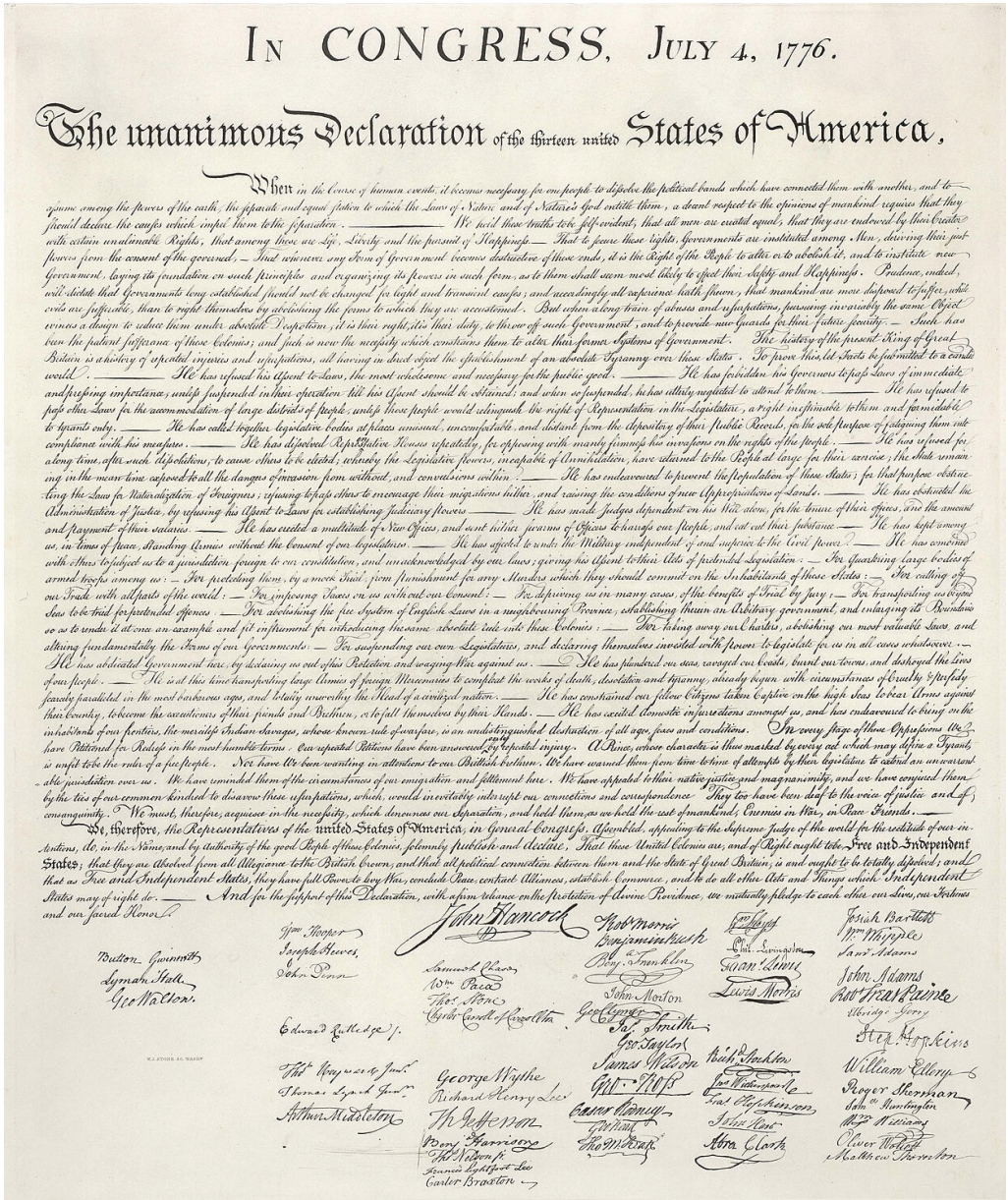
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