



AMERICAN
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INDEPENDENCE DAY 1776

July 4, 2017

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Alexander and Eliza Hamilton entertain friends from *The Revolution* at their home, "The Grange," in the Manhattan Island countryside of New York. Guests include Martha Washington, Henry and Lucy Knox, Patrick Henry, Mercy Otis Warren, Thomas Jefferson and Kitty Green, all listening as Phillis Wheatley reads a poem about the soon to arrive guest of honor, His Excellency, George Washington.

Welcome to the American Village's Independence Day Celebration of our country's 241st birthday!

The 10-year countdown to America's 250th birthday began this past July 4 as we celebrated the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. In 2026 this generation will experience the best opportunity since the country's Bicentennial (1976) for a resurgence of knowledge, patriotism and pride in our Nation.

Join us in preparing for the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America. First, we must recommit our country to teaching young people about the founding principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence. We must affirm our country's heritage of liberty is exceptional and worthy of our aspiration and service. We must rekindle the spark of liberty that defines us as an American people.

We are living in a time of extraordinary discord around the world and in our national life. We should remember that "we the people" are united as a Nation by a shared love of liberty and by our constitutional system of self-government.

On the 241st birthday of the *United States of America*, let us renew our personal commitment to be good citizens and pledge our allegiance once more to this republic, "...one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for us all."

Jon Walker

Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust



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NEW

The Duel: On the heights of Weehawken on July 11, 1804, Alexander Hamilton passes into political immortality.

4:00 p.m. on the far side of the lake at Concord Bridge (best viewed from the shady side; one performance only – weather permitting)

NEW

Eliza Hamilton:

The Lady speaks on her husband's legacy.
11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 at Founders Hall (L)

THANK YOU TO OUR VISITORS, AND THOSE WHO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE:

OUR REENACTORS, MUSICIANS & ENTERTAINERS

1st Pennsylvania Regiment Continental Army Reenactors

Chris Long, Allen Cousins, Erich Cousins, Noah Houston,
Don Relyea, Dan Valles

The South Carolina Militia Reenactors

Shawn Baker, Jay Schuelly, Shane Scroggins

1st Hamilton Legion Reenactors

Shannon Baxter, Roy Collier, Dan Dykes, Jim Friberg, Harry Floyd,
Dan Hutchenson, Dan McMichael, Foy Pippin, Berney Talley

The Colonial Consort

Lori Ardivino, Rick Ardivino, Sarah Hansen, Laurie Middaugh, Katie York

The Ain't Misbehavin' Band

Franklin Bell, David Carlisle, Bill Darden, Bob Derickson, George Graham,
Jenny Lee, Ken Lee, Marjorie Lee, Kelly Morgan, Todd Morgan, Vince Perry,
Rick Roper, Chris Spiker, Rick Starnes, Bill Wildes, Harry Wootan

The Clog Wild Cloggers

Taj Alex, Cecilia Boss, Sharon Camp, Debbie Daniel, Elizabeth Gowens,
Andrew Helton, Tera Helton, Katie Hill, Wendy Huguley, Diane Jordan,
Martin Jordan, Jan Lankford, Judy Reed, Erich Reggel, Margaret Snyder,
Kay Trimm, Gracie Williams, Lana Williams

The Warblers

Charlie Allison, Hobart Arnold, Wayne Atkinson, Roy Attison, Tom Barnes,
Charlie Boone, Larry Bowman, Cary Campbell, Wally Carlisle, Rusty
Chastain, Royce Cloud, Terry Collier, Bill Dean, Bill Dimon, Gil Franks, Hoke
Graham, Bill Henry, Steve Hopkins, Larry Hudson, David Johnston, Terry
Kelso, Steve Loggins, Terry Malone, Jim Martin, Kenneth Moore, Randy
Morrison, Seth Parker, Michael Payne, Johnny Riley, Jim Roberson, Mike
Robinson, John Somerset, Creed Stone, Randee Vance, Phillip Walker, Tom
Walker, Jim Whitlock, Bob Parker-Director, Margaret Parker-Accompanist

The Alabama Wildlife Center

Rachael Clark, Scottie Jackson, Lauren Muncher

Rita Allen USO Singer
Al Boulter Davy Crockett
JDanny Cooper. Uncle Sam
Ronald Dauphenae Benjamin Franklin
Robby Draper USO Pianist
Alan Goldspiel Spanish Guitarist
Quincy Hall Chapel Organist
Michael McCreedy. Marquis de Lafayette
Rev. Tyler Richards Colonial Evening Prayer
Annesley Streets. Violinist, Music of Washington's Day

OUR STAFF & SUPPORT TEAM

Jessica Averett, Randy Benefield, Johnny Curry,
Jennie Gregory, Mike Jones, Kittye Keener, Tyrus Kidd,
Jacob Kiker, Terry Lawley, Martha Lewis, Kerri Pate,
Melanie Poole, D. A. Price, Justin Price, Jeff Stewart,
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Service, Joe Ardivino & The Montevallo Community Band,
Ken Jones & Regions Bank, Shelby County Commission

OUR VOLUNTEERS

More than 120 men and women are volunteering their time
and service today to help make your visit enjoyable.

Please join us in thanking anyone wearing a red
American Village shirt!

OUR COSTUMED HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS

William Stewart (Officer of Interpreted Programs) Patrick Henry
Noel Stewart* (Manager, Junior Interpreter Program) Abigail Adams
Chris Long (Manager, Military Programs) Major James Moore
Nancy Moore Estes (Manager, Historic Costumes) Mercy Otis Warren
Angel Tillman* (Choreographer of the Ball) Martha Washington
Amy Bell Kitty Greene
Charlie Bell* Alex Richmond, Alexander Hamilton
Rush Brunson* Thomas Jefferson
Rebecca Evans* Eliza Hamilton
Richard Evans Aaron Burr
Lesli Johnson Phillis Wheatley
Jennifer Lee Lucy Knox
John Carter Simmons Election Officer (Davy Crockett)
*Dances in the Independence Ball

OUR 2017 JUNIOR INTERPRETERS

Elizabeth Bandura Colonial Games Player
Katy Barnes Young Patriot Spies
Sarah Bateman Young Voices of the Revolution
Bonnie Bell Independence Ball Dancer
Samuel Dahlen Young Voices of the Revolution
Peter Ditoro Colonial Crime and Punishment
Cammi Griffith Liberty Tree
Ashlee Hall Young Patriot Spies
Paige Hemmer Lessons in Etiquette
Lauren Hoaglund Young Voices of the Revolution
Micah Houston Colonial Crime and Punishment; The Duel
Justin Lewis Lessons in Etiquette
Abigail Mathis Young Voices of the Revolution
Josiah Montgomery Independence Ball Dancer; The Duel
Lauren Moon Young Voices of the Revolution
Olivia Naro Chief Colonial Games Player
David Smith Independence Ball Dancer; The Duel
Lauren Smith Narrator, Battle at Concord Bridge; The Duel
Mia Stowe Lessons in Etiquette
Campbell Torgerson Liberty Tree
Bella Trent Young Voices of the Revolution
Anna Grace Wesson Young Voices of the Revolution
Madelyn Wiehl Lessons in Etiquette
Caroline Winchester Young Voices of the Revolution
All Junior Interpreters Sacrifice of the Signers
Noel Stewart, Manager, Junior Interpreter Program


Some Things to See and Do

(most programs run 15 to 30 minutes)


Map
Location

11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30	 Eliza Hamilton The Lady speaks of her husband's legacy; <i>Founders Hall</i>	L
11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30	Thomas Jefferson prepares to write a Declaration <i>Assembly Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00	Volley Fire and Battle Cry Can you muster into the Continental Army? <i>Encampment</i>	U
11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30	 Abigail Adams and Mercy Otis Warren <i>The Meeting House</i>	M
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00	Young Martha Washington <i>Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
12:00, 1:30, 3:00	 Music of Washington's Day <i>The Courthouse</i>	T
12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00	Young Voices of the Revolution A vignette with our Junior Interpreters; <i>The Barn</i>	Q
12:00, 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00	Phillis Wheatley, A Poet's Journey <i>Founders Hall</i>	L
12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00	USO Show at the Veterans Canteen <i>Estes Theatre</i>	C
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00	Young Patriot Spies <i>The Meeting House</i>	M
12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00	Alex Richmond speaks with "Common Sense" about Thomas Paine <i>Assembly Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 6:45	Patrick Henry "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" Speech; <i>Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel</i>	I
12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30	 Etiquette Lessons with the Generals' Wives <i>Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
2:00, 3:00	The Colonial Consort <i>Founders Hall</i>	L
12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 6:30	Colonial Crime and Punishment <i>Begins in Courthouse and concludes at Stocks and Pillory</i>	T
1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30	The Liberty Tree A young lady's account of revolutionary Boston; <i>The Meeting House</i>	M
1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00	Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier <i>The Courthouse</i>	T
3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30	 Ben Franklin, Patriot Fire Fighter <i>Assembly Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
4:00, 5:00, 6:00	Popular Hits of the 18th Century <i>Music on the Spanish guitar; Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
4:30, 5:30, 6:30	 A visit with the Marquis de Lafayette <i>Founders Hall</i>	L
5:00, 6:00	Independence Ball A Celebration in Dance, Music and Song; <i>Liberty Hall</i>	A

TOUR THE NATIONAL VETERANS SHRINE
11:00 until 7:00 (D on the map)


THE WARBLERS 
Music you can whistle and hum to.
12:30 and 2:30 in the Colonial Chapel (I on the map)

IT'S SWING TIME!
Enjoy the "Big Band" sound of Ain't Misbehavin'.
3:00 in Liberty Hall (A on the map)

RELEASE OF A RED-TAILED HAWK 
Alabama Wildlife Center
3:00 at the Main Stage

CLOG WILD CLOGGERS
4:00 & 6:15 in the Barn (Q on the map)

COLONIAL EVENING PRAYER
5:00 in the Colonial Chapel (I on the map)

USO DANCE 
Enjoy the "Big Band" sound of Ain't Misbehavin' one more time!
6:45 in Liberty Hall (A on the map)

VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE OVAL OFFICE
11:00 until 7:00 (O on the map)

EXPLORE THE PETTUS RANDALL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY
11:00 until 7:00 (K on the map)

Children's Activities

Sidewalk Art for Independence

Draw what Independence Day means to you.

Tent at the picnic area, 11:30 until 6:00 while supplies last

Selfies with Uncle Sam ★ NEW

Take your picture and get a FREE American Flag!

*Liberty Hall (A), 1:30 until 3:00
RESTROOM IN BUILDING*

The "Amazing, Amazing" Colonial Maze ★ NEW

Can you find your way through the hay bale maze?

11:30 until dark near the Main Stage

Alabama Wildlife Rescue Center ★ NEW

See live hawks and other rescued birds and learn about them.

*End of the Freedom Trail (X)
12:00 until 5:00. PORTABLE
RESTROOM NEARBY*

Games on the Green

Play Stop and Go, Hoops, Trap Ball, Cat in the Corner or Beast, Bird or Fish.

Constitution Green, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30

Sign the Declaration of Independence, play bean bag toss and solve the puzzles of history

*Rotunda (G), 12:00 until 6:00
RESTROOM IN BUILDING*

Party Like it's 1776

Dress up with clothes from the colonial trunk; color a patriotic birthday page; play nine pins or join a game of croquet.

*Carriage House (E), 12:00 until 6:00.
RESTROOM IN BUILDING*

Where's GEORGE?

Find the three cutouts of George Washington and collect a prize!

11:00 until 6:30. Pick up a game sheet at THE INFORMATION TENT. Prizes for children 14 and under are available to the first 500.

Play Tavern Games

Play 18th century table games.

Under the tent near the Liberty Bell Garden (J), 12:00 until 6:00

Can you Speak on the Stump? ★ NEW

Speak like Lincoln, Clay, Webster and other great orators... from a tree stump.

11:00 until dark on the back side of Constitution Green between the Maze and the Encampment.

Play a game of History Hopscotch ★ NEW

Play this classic game that first came to America at Jamestown in 1607.

*11:00 until dark, at the picnic area.
RESTROOM NEARBY*

Can you Hula Hoop? ★ NEW

It looks easy, but can you keep the hoop spinning? A half century after being introduced, some are still trying.

11:00 until dark, on the plaza behind the Visitor Center (B). RESTROOM INSIDE

The American Village is a SMOKE FREE CAMPUS.
Thank you for not smoking.

Weather Warning:

In the event of stormy weather, please enter the nearest building and wait for an "All Clear" announcement from Village Staff. Please follow all weather warnings and alerts and follow all instructions when given. The American Village follows the National Weather Service advise to suspend outdoor activities for 30 minutes after seeing lightning or hearing thunder.

The Battle at Concord Bridge

Location V on map

Times: 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.
(weather permitting)

See patriots engage the redcoats as the "shot heard 'round the world" ignites a Revolution.



Independence Day 1776 Main Stage Evening Program

Thomas Jefferson reads the Declaration of Independence
immediately followed by

The Sacrifice of the Signers

presented by the American Village Junior Interpreters

7:00 p.m.

The Montevallo Community Band presents

A Patriotic Musical Prelude

7:30 p.m.

Dr. Joseph Ardovino, Director, with special assistance from Jamie Langley, WIAT CBS 42

7:45 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies	“Dollar Bill” Lawson, WDXB 102.5 <i>The Bull</i>
Invocation, <i>Washington’s Prayer for the Country</i>	Phillis Wheatley, portrayed by Lesli Johnson
Welcoming Remarks	Tom Walker, Founder and <i>President</i> , <i>American Village Citizenship Trust</i>
Presentation of the Colors	1st Pennsylvania Regiment 1st Hamilton Legion
The Pledge of Allegiance.	Children in the audience*, led by Jamie Langley and Jim Dunaway, WIAT CBS 42
The National Anthem	Katelyn Babb accompanied by The Montevallo Community Band
Salute to America’s Military Veterans	The Montevallo Community Band
Huzzahs.	Major James Moore, Continental Army, portrayed by Chris Long and accompanied by the audience

The FIREWORKS!

Celebrating America’s 241st Birthday with Grand Illuminations (after twilight’s last gleaming)**

*Children who wish to help lead the Pledge of Allegiance are invited to come to the front of the stage at this time

**Fireworks and music coordinated between the Montevallo Community Band and Pyro Shows of Alabama

Two gates will be open after the Fireworks to assist you in exiting the Village as quickly as possible.

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BE A JUNIOR INTERPRETER

Each spring students (grades 6 through 12) who are interested in fine arts performance and history may audition to participate in American Village summer programming. At least 25 will be selected to assist our professional educational interpreters in presenting the customs and times of the 18th century. Our junior interpreters receive professional training and may

participate in various historical vignettes like those you see today. Apply for next year's program online at www.americavillage.org, call Noel Stewart at 205-665-3535 x 1029 or e-mail nstewart@americavillage.org. The program is free, but participants are required to purchase their 18th century costume. Auditions for the 2018 Summer Program will be held in mid-February, 2018.



Junior Interpreter Class of 2017

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The American Village Citizenship Trust is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, and operates through a combination of public and private support.

We hope you will consider making a tax deductible contribution in support of our vital work. Visit the Information Tent at the top of the hill to see how you can become involved by donating your time, your talent, or your treasure. You may also write or call us:

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Make a gift online at www.americavillage.org

Visit the Patriot Gift Shop

Please plan a visit to our Patriot Gift Shop as a part of your activities on America's 241st birthday. Join the "Spirit of '76" as you shop for games, symbols, and other patriotic memorabilia of those Revolutionary times.

Gift Shop closes at 7 p.m.



You are Cordially Invited to the **Independence Ball**

A Celebration in Dance, Music & Song
5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Liberty Hall (location A on the map)





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- A Liberty Hall
- B Visitor Center / Seaman Plaza
- C Estes Theatre
- D National Veterans Shrine
- E Carriage House
- F Matthews Center (Non Public Offices)
- G Rotunda
- H President's House (Non Public Administrative Offices)
- I Colonial Chapel
- J Liberty Bell Garden
- K Randall Museum
- L Founders Hall
- M Meeting House
- N Washington Hall (Assembly Room and Mourn Vernon Room)
- O Oval Office
- P Colonial Garden
- Q Barn
- R Annex (Non Public Offices)
- S Trade Buildings
- T Courthouse, Stocks and Pilory
- U Encampment
- V Concord Old North Bridge
- W Embattled Farmer Statue
- X Freedom Trail

First Aid / Paramedics
 Information Tent
 Restrooms
 Maintenance Building

Please join us again for more family-friendly fun!

Our Summer Season continues through July 29

Summer hours: TUESDAY-SATURDAY 10am to 4pm

CELEBRATE AMERICA!



Spies & Family Fun with Pirates
 & Paul Revere's Midnight Ride!

Admission \$5 each

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To Interstate 65 (Exit 234)

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