



*Attached is our itinerary for  
America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!*

As we are in the construction phase, some of our events / shows / activities may be moved or modified as we get closer to our country's birthday.

We will continue to update this itinerary periodically to reflect any / all changes made. Please check back from time to time.



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## JULY 3

- **1:00pm to 3:00pm:** Educational discussion with The Young Federalists author Abigale Readlinger on the founding of the Federalist Papers at the New Hope River Promenade under a pop-up tent and table. Free copies of the book will be available to the public.
- **2:00pm to 3:15pm:** Educational discussion on the changing history of both Lambertville and New Hope from revolutionary days to the 20<sup>th</sup> century at the New Hope river promenade platform stage. Tour guides from New Hope Historical Society will join the discussion with historical tours after.
- **3:30pm to 4:30pm and then again from 6:30pm to 7:30pm:** Educational discussion / portrayal with actors (Admiral DeGrasse & General Knox) separately discussing their role in the revolution and the country's founding at the New Hope river promenade platform stage.
- **4:45pm to 6:15pm:** "Experience George Washington" portrayed by Curt Radabaugh along with Martha Washington on the struggles of the revolution, the Constitutional Convention and life with George Washington. This takes place at the New Hope river promenade platform stage.
- **2:00pm to 4:00pm:** Educational discussion / portrayal with George Washington & Ben Franklin who will separately discuss the struggles in obtaining independence with a question & answer public segment on their roles and the country's founding. This takes place at the Lambertville Station high platform stage.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Show 5:00pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> Show 8:15pm:** Roxey Ballet performing two (2) shows "NJ Ballad", a 30 minute re-enactment of Washington's Crossing and the struggles leading up to the victory of Trenton. This takes place at the Lambertville Station platform stage.
- **6:30pm to 8:00pm:** Music Mountain Theater will perform "Stars & Stripes" patriotic songs at the Lambertville Station platform stage in between the Roxey Ballet performances.
- **9:00pm:** 20 minute evening show over the river after the Playhouse show finishes (or at intermission) and this will include:
  1. **Fireworks.** Three firework launch locations. Two land-based launch sites adjacent the river (one NJ and one PA) and one launch site from a pontoon boat on the river.
  2. **200 drones with patriotic images.** Approx. 13 minutes in length.
  3. **Music coordinated with drones / fireworks show** utilizing stadium speaker on both sides of the river.
  4. **The show will be enhanced with lasers** after the drones have landed.





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## JULY 4

- **To be Confirmed:** Live music & events will be staged at the New Hope American Legion parking lot. A cash bar will be a part of this event that will have a revolutionary themed tavern environment under a tent. This will be coordinated by the New Hope Chamber of Commerce.
- **2:00pm to last 2+ hours:** Actors from Friday's events plus fife and drum will begin the pub crawl event starting at the Lambertville Station, crossing the river / bridge into New Hope with a Logan Inn stop, and then ending at the American Legion parking lot having a revolutionary themed tavern.
- **To be Confirmed:** Power boat "Armada" with a patriotic theme and American flags. This will be followed by a scull boat rowing race ending under the bridge.

## JULY 5

- **10:00am to 11:15am:** "Freedom Parade" beginning at the New Hope American Legion lot and crossing the river / bridge into Lambertville and ending at the Lambertville Station lot.
  1. Actors lead parade with fife and drum performers (General Washington . Benjamin . Franklin . Anna Strong . General Henry Knox).
  2. American Legion, both New Hope and Lambertville posts along with veteran members will be carrying American flags and banners.
  3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> NJ Regiment.
  4. Marching band (Tri-County Band – Karen Reavy).
  5. Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts.
  6. Parade closing with the Eagle Fire Department & Antique Mack Truck Engine.
- **11:30am:** Relentless Dragon Boat Race will start and later end under the river's bridge connecting these two (2) wonderful historic towns.
- **Color guard ceremonies will be performed** on platform stages in both New Hope and Lambertville.
- **Dramatic reading** of the Declaration of Independence will take place on both sides of the river with Mayors & other dignitaries reading different parts.
- **12:00pm – Simultaneous Bell Ringing** will happen across both sides of the river marking the conclusion of the weekend.
- **Singers** from Playhouse and Music Mountain Theatre singing "God Bless America" from both sides of the river using stadium speaker system also close out America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash.



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