



BATH HERITAGE DAYS INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

250 YEARS IN MOTION - LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

May 2026

Friends & Neighbors,

Participate in Maine's largest Independence Day parade on Saturday, July 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

Parade Theme: 250 Years in Motion - Looking Back, Moving Forward

A Red, White, & Blue Celebration of America's 250th

For 2026, we mark a historic milestone with a theme that invites everyone to be part of the story. From the earliest days of our nation to the possibilities ahead, this year's parade is all about movement - *how we've grown, built, created, and continued forward over time.*

We invite businesses, **organizations, schools, and community groups** to bring this theme to life in ways that are meaningful to you. Your float or entry might explore a moment in history, show how something has evolved, or imagine what lies ahead! Whether through craftsmanship, creativity, music, or motion, every entry becomes part of a larger story, *one that connects past progress with future promise.*

SUBMIT BY JUNE 19:

Register online at visitbath.com/bath-heritage-days or scan the QR code.

Physical forms are available online or at the Main Street Bath office at 15 Commercial St., Bath.



ENTRY FEE: \$35/unit

Payment can be easily made through the online registration form.

Checks are payable to Main Street Bath.

AVOID PARADE DAY STRESS:

Attend the pre-parade check-in event at Main Street Bath on **July 3rd from 5-7 PM.**

Pre-checked entries may go directly to the lineup on July 4th.

Here's to looking back, moving forward, and creating a safe parade together!

Main Street Bath

For updates or more info, follow Bath Heritage Days, go to visitbath.com/bath-heritage-days, email 4bathparade@gmail.com, or call 207-442-7291.



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AWARDS & REMINDERS

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JUDGING CATEGORIES

- Most Entertaining Award - Entry receiving the most crowd reaction
- Dedication Award - Best non-profit entry
- Route 66 Award - Best antique car
- Best Overall Award - Unit best depicting parade theme
- American Dream Award - Best small business
- Shining Star Award - Best youth entry
- Let Freedom Ring Award - Best musical entry
- Salute to our Troops Award - Best Armed Forces entry

Judges are required to consider how a unit relates to the theme. All awards are at the discretion of the judges. Awards will be sent by mail the week following the parade. Winners will be listed on the Main Street Bath website and Facebook page.

SAVE-THE-DATES

- June 19: Entry Deadline
- June 30: Line-up numbers and confirmation details received by June 30.
- July 3, 5-7 PM: Pre-Parade Check-In (*Vehicle entries, bring driver's license and proof of insurance*)
- July 4: Parade Day / Arrive by 9:30 AM, Parade starts at 10 AM

CHECKLIST/REMINDERS

- Complete and submit the entry form by June 19
- Sign contracts (Hold Harmless Agreement / Rules & Regulations)
- Pay \$35 entry fee
- Arrange transport in advance from the end of the parade back to the beginning of the route or parked vehicle(s)