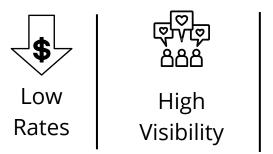


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# Artist Spotlight

The artist of the month for July is Mickey! He can be seen here painting rocks as part of our Peace Path beautification project. This helps make the Pleasantville path we travel often, even more pleasant! Come take a stroll through our Peace Path sometime this summer.



#### Thanks, Mickey!

## The Funnies

What's more patriotic than the fourth of July? The half of July

#### How do pandas stay cool in July?

They use bear conditioning

#### I tell my friends I'm there for them 24/7.

It sounds better than saying I'm there for them on the 24th of July.

By Kyle What does the Statue of Liberty stand for? It can't sit down.

#### Not everyone has off for the 4th of July. Fire works.

What kind of tea did the American colonists want? Liber-tea.

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#### Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell? Yeah, it cracked me up!

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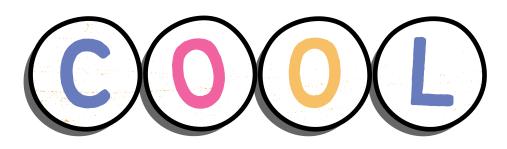


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## Words Of Wisdom

Take me down into your paradise Don't be scared, 'cause I'm your body type Just something that we wanna try 'Cause you and I, we're cool for the summer



My choice for the words of wisdom for July is from the song "Cool for the Summer" by Demi Lovato.

It's a very good summer song to listen to, especially when you're going to the beach or just walking around or chilling by the pool. It really makes me feel like summer.

### History of Fireworks

By lan and Marcus

If it seems like fireworks have been a staple of Independence Day in the U.S. since almost the beginning, that's because they have! Fireworks have been a part of cultural celebrations – especially in China – for centuries.

Our Founding Fathers were quick to adopt it as a show of patriotic pride. In 1776, then-future President John Adams sent a letter to his wife, Abigail, outlining how the country's declared independence from England should be celebrated. He wrote that the day should be marked with "pomp & parade, with shows, games, sports, bonfires, bells and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

The next year, a July 4th fireworks display in Philadelphia began and ended with 13 rockets, according to American University historian James R. Heintze. "The evening was closed with the ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks, which began and concluded with thirteen.

So next time fireworks go off near you, don't forget that they have been lighting up the night skies all across America since 1777!

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### A Productive Summer

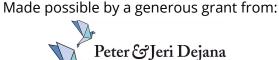
By Kyle

It's Summer! That means there is more time to find pleasant opportunities around you. Maybe, you can spend this summer trying to find something productive and exciting that will have you talking about it all year long. One of the best things you can do, is go on a big trip to someplace you've never gone before. Whether it's a camping trip or to visiting another state, that could be a great way to form some core memories. You could also try to learn a new skill or participate in your local community. Who knows? Maybe you could discover something about yourself! Check out our list of July events for an idea of exciting opportunities taking place in our community. Another of the best things to do during the summer is attending social events with your friends! Hopefully, you've all got a little more time on your hands during the summer and can spend to with the ones you care about most. The weather also allows you to get out and about, compared to the rest of the year. You could go to a festival, visit a new amusement park, or even have a barbecue in your backyard.

Whatever you do this Summer, you can always make the best of it, when you embrace this fun and warm time of year!

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