

## July Facts

July is named to honor Roman dictator Julius Caesar.

In 46 BC, he made one of his greatest contributions to history: With the help of Sosigenes, he developed the Julian calendar, the precursor to the Gregorian calendar that we use today.

Stone = Ruby Flower = Sunflower

Most people celebrate the 4th with family picnics, church gatherings, community parades and fireworks displays at night. Some states have banned all fireworks for public use. Other states have not. Whatever state you live in, please be careful when dealing with fireworks. It can also be a terrible time for pets who have a hard time dealing with the noise of firecrackers.

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence died on July 4, 1826 at noon in his home in Virginia. The day he died was the 50th anniversary of the document's signing.

Ironically, John Adams of Massachusetts who supported the Declaration of Independence and is also the father of President John Quincy Adams who died just a few hours later on the same day, July 4, 1826.

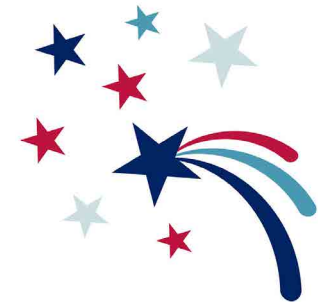
## The Star-Spangled Banner Lyrics

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming, Whose broad  
stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we  
watched, were so gallantly streaming  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



PINE LAKES  
Country Club

happy  
4th  
of  
July



by Brownielocks

**The Fourth of July** celebration is the main summer festival. It is a time when most families get together (other than Christmas) because the kids are out of school, and for most the weather is nice. The Fourth of July was the date that our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1776.

Americans just celebrated this event for centuries on their own. But in 1941, Congress finally established the Fourth of July (Independence Day) as a legal holiday.

Now many have said that the Congress actually approved it on July 2, or August 2, the date they really did sign the document. So why the 4th? That was the day the final draft of the Declaration was finished for the August 2nd signing. Confused? They approved the entire idea on July 2, with a rough outline. But on July 4 they actually had their finished draft after a lot of discussion and ratified it. And it takes a while for everyone to get it signed (remember we didn't have fax machine then!), so that was done on August 2.

It was John Adams who wrote his wife and said that the event should be celebrated with pomp and circumstance, parades, shows, games and other stuff. Was he ahead of his time? What he described is the Fourth of July Celebration as we know it today.

The first official 4th of July party was in 1777 ( a year later) in Philadelphia. Warships along the docks fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 states. The soldiers who were in the area, paraded through the streets.












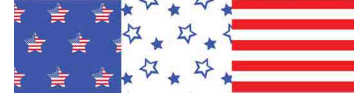
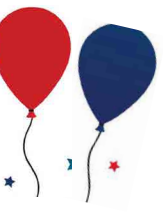


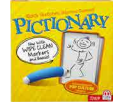
















By 1788, the 4th of July celebration also commemorated the U.S. Constitution as well, which was recently approved by 10 out of the 13 states. That year was the first 4th of July parade, with horse-drawn floats, one of which was a huge eagle carrying the Justices of the US Supreme Court.

In 1790, the nation's capitol moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. President Thomas Jefferson celebrated the 4th of July by opening the White House to guests. This custom continued under other presidents as well, until the British burnt the White House in 1814.

Another memorable 4th of July was one held in 1865 on a battlefield at Gettysburg; at the end of the Civil War with a procession of black slaves parading through the streets of Richmond, Virginia in 1866; and a Bi-centennial celebration in New York City on July 4, 1976.

The Fourth of July today is a day most Americans stop to celebrate their freedom, appreciate their country, pay respect to those that died to protect us and fly the flag or display its red, white and blue colors in any fashion they choose. The Fourth of July usually a combination of our other patriotic holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veteran's Day rolled into one. Although Americans also celebrate those separately from The Fourth of July.

# Year Round Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																
<p><b>3:00-5:00</b> Ladies Only Pickleball/Courts</p> 	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis  <b>12:00-3:00</b> Mahjong/Card Rm                      5:00 Mixed Bridge M&amp;W/Card Rm                      6:30 Texas Hold'em/AR</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis                      8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only)  <b>12:45-4:00</b> Mahjong/Card Rm                      2:30-6:30 Ladder Tournament/Cts                      6:15 Hand and Foot/Card Rm                      6:30 Trivia/AR                      7:00 Shuffleboard/Cts</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis                      8:30 Ladies Golf                      8:30 Nifty Niners/GC                      9:00-5:00 Bocce/CT  <b>12:30-4:00</b> Ladies Bridge/Card Rm                      For Beginner One Stroke Lessons, please contact Mo Keary @ 239-826-3673</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis                      9:00-12:00 Mixed Bridge/Card Rm                      8:30 Men's Golf</p>	<p>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis  <b>12:00-4:30</b> Pinochle/Card Rm</p>	<p><b>Reception Hours:</b>                      9:30am til <b>3:00pm</b>                      Monday - Friday</p> <p>Changes made up till the 25th of each month.</p>																
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<p><b>July 2026</b></p> 		<p><b>P.L. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</b></p> <table style="font-size: small;"> <tr> <td>BR - Ballroom</td> <td>GC - Golf Course</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDS - Billiards</td> <td>P - Patio</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CR - Crafts Room</td> <td>LF - Lake Fairways</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FS - Fitness Studio</td> <td>LR - Living Room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K - Kitchen</td> <td>LL - Library/Loft</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AR - Activity Room</td> <td>DR - Driving Range</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card Room</td> <td>F - Foyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>M &amp; W - Men &amp; Women</td> </tr> </table>	BR - Ballroom	GC - Golf Course	BDS - Billiards	P - Patio	CR - Crafts Room	LF - Lake Fairways	FS - Fitness Studio	LR - Living Room	K - Kitchen	LL - Library/Loft	AR - Activity Room	DR - Driving Range	Card Room	F - Foyer		M & W - Men & Women	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30-4:00 Management/LR                      11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR  <b>12:00-2:00</b> 90's Luncheon/LFCH</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:15-9:30 Beginner Tai-Chi/BR                      9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR                      11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR                      11:00-1:00 Steering Comm/LR  <b>6:00-9:00</b> Billiards Practice/BDS  <b>6:30-8:30</b> Pictionary/Card Rm</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>ALL ELS OFFICES ARE CLOSED</b></p> <p>8:00-9:00 Yoga/BR 7:45 Set-up                      11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>                      11:00-3:00 July 4th                      250th Year Celebration/P</p> 
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