

Brandon Independence Day Celebration Friday & Saturday July 1 & 2, 2016

All Activities and Events are Free

Friday night FUN!!

Silent Auction

Scores of wonderful donations are awaiting your bid at **Fellowship Hall, 1 Carver Street**, next to the **Congregational Church**, across from Central Park. Doors are open from **5-10 p.m.** on Friday and again from **10 a.m. – 12 noon** on Saturday and after the Parade until **3:00 p.m.** Winners will be notified between **3 and 5 p.m.** At registration, make sure we know how to reach you so you can pick up your winnings. If we can't reach you, we'll contact the next bidder. Payment by cash or **checks made out to BIDCC.** **Please plan to pick up your items before 5:00 p.m.**

This is our biggest fundraiser, so **be generous!**

Street Dance

The fun begins Friday at **5:00 p.m.** in Central Park when hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and more goes on sale to fortify the dancing frenzy soon to take place. At **6:00 p.m.** the DJ from Jam Man Entertainment (<http://www.jammanentertainment.com>) begins the music, and stays until the last dancer drops. Be sure to stick around to see if you've won the 50/50 raffle! (NOTE: Derek Cram of Jam Man Entertainment donates his time at this event and at the Fireworks on Saturday night.)

Saturday Pre-Parade

- **Food:** In **Central Park** the grills will be firing up early to provide a huge selection of your favorite food with all the trimmings. There will also be hand-crafted items for sale.
- **Entertainment:** From **10:00 a.m. – 12 noon** you'll find **Karaoke** on stage in the gazebo.
- **Family Fun:** From **10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** behind the **Brandon Inn**
- **Silent Auction:** Auction continues at **Fellowship Hall** next to the **Congregational Church**, across from Central Park. Doors open at **9 a.m.** and close at **12 noon – reopens after the Parade until 3:00 p.m.** This is our biggest fundraiser, so **be generous!**

Parade

At 1 p.m., this signature event of the Celebration starts at the intersection of Park, High and Marble Streets. The parade marches down beautiful Park Street, through downtown, past our historic Town Hall, through Conant Square, and ends at Brandon Lumber (on Route 7, about a half-mile north of the Brandon Inn). There will be floats, bands, fire engines, antique tractors, antique cars and much more!

Post Parade

- **The Keating Five** takes over the gazebo in **Central Park**, immediately following the parade. This extraordinary group of local musicians puts together an eclectic mix of rock, reggae, ska, funk, blues—and then some—so be sure to stick around to shake your booty! (NOTE: This event is sponsored by the Brandon Chamber of Commerce)
- **Ball Race:** No 4th of July is complete without the yearly ball race, over the falls at **Green Park**, just north of Central Park. The race is at **3:30 after the concert**. (NOTE: This event is sponsored by the Lake Sunapee Bank)

Park Village (the old Brandon Training School, just north of town – At the intersection of Route 7 and the Arnold District Road)

- The fun continues at **5:00 p.m.** with more food, fun, and float winner announcements.
- The DJ from Jam Man Entertainment (<http://www.jammanentertainment.com>) will be there again from **5:30 to dusk**.
- **The Fireworks will begin at dusk.** Brandon puts on a spectacular show that you won't want to miss.

Donations are appreciated – Look for BIDCC folks with donation buckets at the Fireworks, buy 50/50 tickets on Friday night, support The Silent Auction or write a check to the BIDCC and mail it to Treasurer, Susan Stone at 2999 Wheeler Road, Brandon, VT 0573.

Want to march in the parade or enter a float?

Represent your business, organization or club... even your own neighborhood. Application forms and information are available at **Carr's Florist**, and the **Brandon Free Public Library**, or email Susan Stone at susdben@gmail.com to receive the forms by email.

Choose a category, add imagination and enter. Themes this year are Patriotism, Whimsy, Environment and Vermont History. All entries are eligible to be judged for prizes in each category, based on originality and creativity, as well as a grand prize, all to be determined by a non-partisan board of judges.

In order to enter, fill out the application, sign the Parade Rules and Waiver of Responsibility, and return by mail to: BIDCC, 2999 Wheeler Rd, Brandon 05733.

Want to be a vendor in Central Park Friday (evening) or Saturday (day) **or Park Village** Saturday (evening)? Email to Suzanne Bennett neptunesuze@yahoo.com and sign up.

For more information, e-mail bidcc@yahoo.com or contact Debbie Boyce at 802-345-0056.