

July 4th events in Boston

6 a.m. Esplanade opens to the public. [REDACTED]

9 a.m. Flag raising ceremony and celebration on City Hall Plaza. Master of Ceremonies: General John White. Raising of the American Flag by Mayor Thomas M. Menino. "National Anthem" sung by Ernest Triplett. "Stars and Stripes Forever" played by the John Shea Military Band.

9:30 a.m. Parade from City Hall Plaza, Tremont Street.

9:40 a.m. Parade halts at Honors at Old Granary Burial Ground. Wreaths placed **by Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company** on the graves of Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, and Peter Faneuil. Parade resumes to the Old State House.

9:45 a.m. 224th reading of Declaration of Independence from balcony of Old State House. "Yankee Doodle" by the John Shea Military Band; "God Bless America" sung by Ernest Triplett.

10 a.m. Parade reforms ending next to Faneuil Hall.

10:30 a.m. Patriotic exercises at Faneuil Hall. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" sung by Ernest Triplett. Patriotic sing-along.

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Independence Day 4th of July - Patriotic Commemoration

Raise your patriotic spirit at this annual **Official Flag Raising Ceremony** at 9AM at City Hall Plaza. Follow the **Parade** at 9:40AM to Old Granary Burial Ground where there's a **Halt for Honor** at 9:45AM and **the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company** places wreaths on the graves of Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine and Peter Faneuil. Continue on the route to the Old State House for the **Reading of the Declaration of Independence** at 10AM. The parade reforms next to Faneuil Hall where at 10:30AM patriotic exercises and songs prevail.

Starting at City Hall Plaza

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Boston Independence Day celebrations

Rock 'n' roll all night...

Plan to get to the Esplanade early on Tuesday, July 4, for the annual concert and fireworks display (the best in New England). Aerosmith's Steven Tyler and Joe Perry will headline this year's Pops! Goes the 4th concert and fireworks spectacular beginning at 8 p.m. on the Esplanade. The Boston Pops led by conductor, Keith Lockhart will perform traditional patriotic favorites. The event concludes with the fireworks display at 10:30 - highlighted by Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

...and party early in the day

While Boston is best known for the concert and fireworks on the esplanade, there are more events you should check out. On Tuesday, July 4, raise your patriotic spirit at the Official Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall Plaza at 9 a.m. Follow the parade at 9:40 a.m. to Old Granary Burial Ground where there's a Halt for Honor, during which **the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company places wreaths on the graves of Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine and Peter Faneuil. The parade then continues to the Old State House for a 10 a.m. reading of The Declaration of Independence. The parade ends at 10:30 a.m. at Faneuil Hall where patriotic songs and exercises prevail.**

Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

With a wonderful vantage point, from Castle Island enjoy the 4th of July's 21-gun salute by the USS Constitution and noon followed by a 19-gun salute to the Commonwealth

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