



Happy Independence Day!

Dear Lisa,

Happy 4th of July! What a difference a year makes . . .

Last year most of us were hunkered down, in some form of pandemic lock-down. This year, most of us are preparing to celebrate this weekend with parades, barbeques, and fireworks!

Independence Day, celebrated on July 4th each year, marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 by the Second Continental Congress. Almost 100 years later, on June 28, 1870, Congress passed a law making Independence Day a federal holiday. Celebrating with fireworks is a tradition that dates back to the very first Independence Day celebration when a cannon was fired 13 times, once for each of the thirteen original colonies. We hope you are able to celebrate this weekend with your family and friends and enjoy a parade, barbeque, or a fireworks display. The Macy's Fireworks Spectacular in New York City, which were canceled last year will be [televised on NBC beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th](#).

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Have a safe and happy Independence Day weekend.

Best Regards,

Eddie Stone, Executive Director

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