



Exploring D.C.

Intern Guide to City Events

July

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Twilight Tattoo

Fort Lesley J. McNair

5612 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

- 7:15 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 202-685-2888

Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long sunset military pageant that features Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) troop units and ceremonial units – The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and The U.S. Army Drill Team; The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The United States Army Chorus and The U.S. Army Band Downrange.

With more than 100 Old Guard Soldiers wearing Army uniforms of the past and present, a portion of the show is dedicated to providing a fast-paced travel through Army history, from Revolutionary times to the Army's involvement in current military operations. As a part of the Army's *Operation Tribute to Freedom* program, Twilight Tattoo represents more than 1.5 million soldiers and Department of the Army civilians serving around the world.

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Smithsonian Folklife Festival

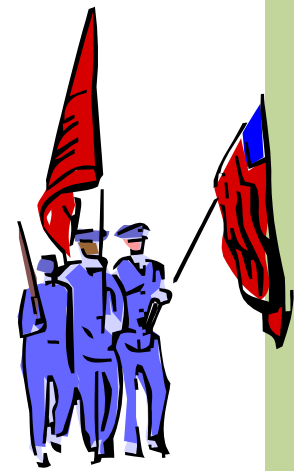
National Mall

Between 7th and 14th Streets, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

- Daily from 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Evening events begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 202-633-7484

The Smithsonian Folklife Festival is a special annual event celebrating cultural traditions around the world. The Folklife Festival includes daily and evening music and dance performances, craft and cooking demonstrations, storytelling and discussions of cultural issues. The 2008 program will highlight Bhutan, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Texas.



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Independence Day Celebrations

America's biggest birthday party begins in Washington, D.C. with a parade along Constitution Avenue, featuring more than 3000 performers, dancers, giant balloons, floats, and military personnel from thirteen states.

Throughout the afternoon, the annual Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife provides wonderful entertainment and educational fun. In the evening, the National Symphony Orchestra performs a popular holiday concert with a dazzling conclusion of fireworks over the Washington Monument. Later in the week, historic Alexandria celebrates with a festival, concert and fireworks.

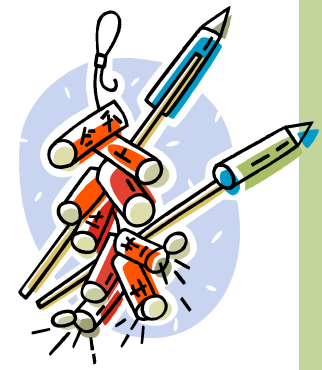
America's 2008 Independence Day Parade:

Constitution Ave. between 7th & 17th Streets, N.W.

- 11:45 a.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 1-800-215-6405



Fourth of July celebrations in Washington, D.C. begin with the National Independence Day Parade. This flag waving traditional parade features invited bands, military and specialty units, floats, giant balloons, equestrian participants, drill teams, celebrities and more.



A Capitol Fourth – 2008 Concert:

West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol

- 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 800-215-6405

America's premier Independence Day holiday concert features the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of conductor Erich Kunzel and performances by some of the country's best known musical artists.

The dazzling finale includes an exciting rendition of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture complete with live cannon fire provided by the U.S. Army Presidential Salute Battery. The National Park Service fireworks begin at 9:10 p.m. and finish at 9:30 p.m.

An American Celebration at Mount Vernon:

George Washington Parkway

Mount Vernon, Virginia

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Admission: \$13
- Information: 703-780-2000

Historic Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, celebrates Independence Day with daytime activities including military reenactments, patriotic music by the National Concert Band of America, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all (while supplies last), and a visit from "General and Mrs. Washington." Independence Day weekend is the last chance to see a full-sized replica of the original Liberty Bell on display and rung every hour at Mount Vernon!

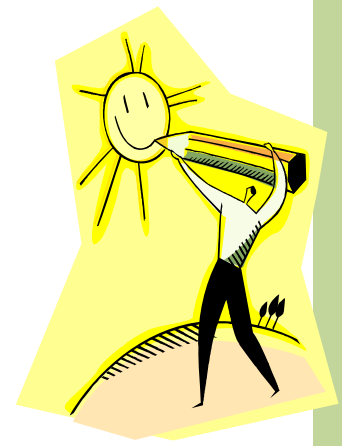
July 4th Celebration at the National Archives Building:

Constitution Ave. between 7th & 9th Streets N.W.

Washington, DC

- 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 866-272-6272

The National Archives celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence with a traditional Fourth of July program. The celebration includes patriotic music, a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence and exciting free family activities and entertainment for all ages. This popular family event is free and open to the public. Seating on the Constitution Avenue steps is available on a first-come, first-seated basis.



2008 National Park Service Independence Day Celebration

National Mall

Southwest corner of the Washington Monument grounds

- 6:00 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 202-426-6841

Embrace the true visual and auditory honor of our country, while holding down your premiere seats for the fireworks. The United States Air Force Band with Special Guest Artist(s) Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will provide the musical entertainment for all to enjoy along the National Gallery. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate America's ideals while surrounded by our nation's most treasured memorials.

9-10

Cannon House Office Building Centennial Party

Caucus room

345 CHOB

- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 202-228-1793

You are cordially invited to a 100th birthday party! A century ago the Cannon House Office Building was completed as the first Congressional Office Building on the Capitol campus. This milestone will be celebrated by hosting a historic exhibit and offering an "insider's tour" of the Cannon Building.

The exhibit will feature original 1908 furniture, photos, and displays. There will also be tours led by AOC Historic Preservation Officer William Allen twice each day at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The tours will originate in the Cannon Caucus Room, and will highlight the Cannon Rotunda, which features 18 Corinthian columns that support an entablature and coffered dome.

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Capital Fringe Festival

Various locations

Washington, D.C.

- Wednesday/Thursday: 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Friday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Admission: free - \$35 (a \$5 Fringe Button is required to enter any event)
- Information: 866-811-4111

The Capital Fringe Festival offers an array of innovative performances throughout downtown Washington, D.C. at the end of July. Performances by Capital Fringe Festival artists and ensembles include theater, dance, music, poetry, puppetry and more.

Performances will take place all day in conventional and unconventional venues. In the tradition of Fringe Festivals in other major cities, the Capital Fringe Festival serves audiences and artists by creating a significant outlet for a creative spectrum of performing arts expression.



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USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration

Oronoco Bay Park

Pendleton & Union Streets

Alexandria, Virginia

- 6:00 p.m.
- Admission: free
- Information: 703-883-4686

Celebrate with a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, food, including the city's birthday cake, and fireworks. Festivities start at 6:00 p.m. with the orchestra performing at 8:30 p.m. and fireworks closing out the program



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Secret Agent Day

Meet at the top of the escalator at the DuPont Circle Metro Stop (South Exit - near Krispy Kreme).

Washington, D.C.

- 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Admission: \$20
- Information: <http://www.thingstododc.com/events.php?goback=yes>

A spy is loose in Washington, D.C. with a mission - and you and your teammate's race against your fellow young professionals to be the first to stop him. The Things To Do (TTD) D.C. organization will prepare you for an exciting brand new day-long race throughout Washington, D.C., filled with unique activities, great exercise and lots of fun.

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White House Garden Tours

White House.

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Admission: free tickets will be distributed -- one ticket per person -- on a first-come, first-served basis

The White House Garden Tours have been a tradition since 1972 when Pat Nixon first opened the White House gardens to the public. Visitors are invited to view the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, Rose Garden, Children's Garden and South Lawn of the White House while military bands perform from a White House balcony.



12-20

Alexandria Guitar Festival

George Washington Masonic Memorial

101 Callahan Drive

Alexandria, Virginia

- Afternoon concerts begin at 4:30 p.m.
- Evening concerts begin at 8:00 p.m.
- Admission: \$12 (afternoon) & \$25 (evening)
- Information: 703-684-0077

The Alexandria Guitar Festival features guitar concerts, seminars, adult classes, children's classes, and a vendor's fair for people of all ages and levels of interest. During this weeklong festival, the Alexandria Suzuki Guitar Institute will offer beginner lessons. This is a great opportunity to try out guitar playing with a minimal investment of time and money.

14-August 11

Screen on the Green 2008 in Washington DC

National Mall between 4th and 7th Streets

Washington, D.C.

- Beginning at dusk between 8:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
- Admission: free

Screen on the Green returns to Washington, DC again this year. Bring a blanket to the National Mall on a summer night and watch a classic film on a gigantic movie screen. The following films will be shown on Monday nights beginning at dusk. People start to claim their spots on the lawn as early as 5:00 p.m. Screen on the Green Schedule - 2008

Dates: Mondays, July 14-August 11, 2008

- July 14 - *Dr. No* (1962)
- July 21 - *The Candidate* (1972)
- July 28 - *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944)
- August 4 - *The Apartment* (1960)
- August 11 - *Superman* (1978)

17-20

The 2008 Slapsticon Film Festival

Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre

1611 N. Kent Street, Mezzanine Level

Rosslyn, Virginia

- July 17th 1:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- July 18th & 19th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- July 20th 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Admission: \$10 for 1/3 day, \$15 for 1/2 day, \$30 for 1 day, \$99 for 4 days.
- Information: 703-276-6701

The Slapsticon Film Festival in Arlington, Virginia features slapstick comedy movies from 1910 to the 1940s, with live music accompaniment by Ben Model and Phil Carli. Rare films will be screened daily from morning until night with a mix of old favorites and overlooked comedians.

Enjoy politically incorrect, pre-Anime cartoon classics, or the Washington area re-premiere of funnyman Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle's feature *Life of the Party* (1920). Masters such as Buster Keaton and Laurel & Hardy will be represented, but the focus will be rediscovering rare films and forgotten comedians such as Lloyd Hamilton, Larry Semon, Mabel Normand, Max Davidson and Charley Chase.

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Running for Office Film Series

The National Archives

William G. McGowan Theater

Constitution Ave. N.W. (between 7th & 9th St.)

Washington, D.C.

- 12:00 p.m.
- Admission: \$20
- Information: 202-357-5450

The Center for the National Archives Experience is pleased to present programs in celebration of our new exhibit, "Running for Office: Candidates, Campaigns, and the Cartoons of Clifford Berryman," which runs through August 17 in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery.

Running for Office Film Series—*The Senator Was Indiscreet*

William Powell stars as a dim-witted U.S. Senator who decides to run for President, with Ella Raines as a reporter interested in the detailed diary he has kept about all the political misdeeds of his colleagues. Directed by George S. Kaufman. (1947, 88 minutes)



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Bastille Day Ball & Celebration at the Embassy of France

La Maison Francaise

Embassy of France

4101 Reservoir Road, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

- 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- Admission: \$94
- Information: 202-633-3030

In July of 1789, the French people rose up from the streets of Paris and stormed the gates of the Bastille to overthrow the monarchy. This exciting French revolution began the age of enlightenment and opened up a new world for France – and in fact, America, whose revolution around the same time was of the same philosophical and societal evolution.

Today, the Embassy of France lets you eat cake – and a lot more – as they take up the revolution themselves and celebrate Bastille Day on French soil in the most elegant style yet!

In a single evening, be transported to an exciting time with one of the most beautiful and admired countries in all of Europe as they bring the glory of the City of Lights combined with the allure of Monte Carlo to your own backyard. Put on your best summer cocktail attire as they take you back in time to the fairy tale with Old World royalty, where glamour and the gala of European nobility met up with the youth and modern times of the enlightened revolutionaries.

Come enjoy a celebration of authentic French food, wines, and music in the grand ballroom at the French Embassy.

