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July's meeting is Monday, July 20 at 7:00pm – Haddon Heights Library

Following Meetings will be on the 3rd Monday of October

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HANDS-ON HISTORY -- COME JOIN US!!

Topic: Red Bank Battlefeild

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the independance of the US

Meeting Location: Haddon Heights Public Library 608 Station Ave



Guest Speakers:

Dr. Jen Janofsky, Professor of Public History, Rowan University and Director, Red Bank Battlefield Park



Wade Catts, President, South River Heriage Consulting, and Registered Professional Archaeologist

We are open to the public - all welcome - please bring a friend!

The HH Library is climate controlled with full handicap access.

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Baby Parades

Baby parades have been part of the July 4th celebrations in Haddon Heights since the beginning.

Mrs. Clemens Titzck gave these 1907 photos to the library. The oringinal borough hall, built in 1907, is in the background.



Women wore white in the summer.

Baby Parade continued



Ruth Platt. Girls in white were flower girls who followed the parade.



Virgina Chew, third prize winner



1909 Parade. Harry Sharp Goff, age 3, first prize

July 4 in Heights

The earliest July 4th Community Celebration program/Ad book in the historical society's files is circa 1935. The parade started at 2nd Avenue and Station. Even in the middle of the Great Depression, cash prizes were given for the main parade, children's parade, and other groups. Top prize was \$5 but that was good money when few well-paid workers earned \$35 a week.

The 1940 program mentions the judging of the baby parade entrants, many activities for children including the 50-yard dash, 3-legged races, chasing a greased pig, tug of war, and pie eating contests for boys and one for girls. This was run by the Independence Day Celebration Committee of the Haddon Heights Fire Department.

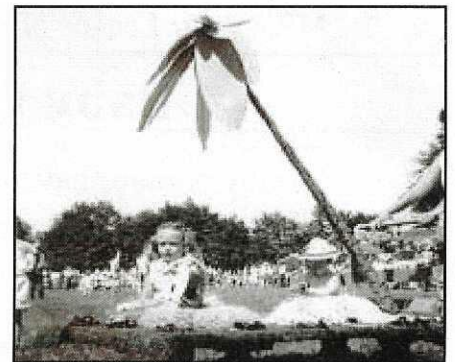


The 1945 program has the parade starting at the Black Horse Pike, proceeding along Prospect Ridge to 10th to Station, Station to Second to the High School. Activities

took place at 3H until 1965. Top prize was \$10 and copy reminded people to remember the boys abroad who still had to win the war. Evening festivities, including fireworks, required a purchased ticket.

In 1951, or earlier, a 4th of July Committee started to raise money for fireworks,

activities, and the parade by going door to door asking for donations. Fireworks and activities remained at the high school.



July 4 in Heights continued

In 1965 activities and fireworks shifted to the field at 8th and W. High because of fear of fire from the aerial display. Top cash prizes were \$15 and the parade route had moved back to 2nd and Station to 10th to W. High, with the baby parade at 10th and Sycamore. Funding was from door-to-door donations. The fire company was always present for emergencies.

In 1989, fire safety forced the evening activities and fireworks to move to Devon Avenue field. After parade activities, including awarding prize money and games for children remained at 8th and High.

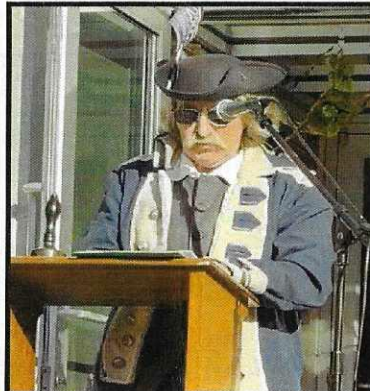
In 2008, the parade route remained the same with Jim Cox organized the baby parade (as he had for years) at 10th and Sycamore. Field activities at 8th and High asked for \$5 entrance for children (many inflatables were rented). A beer garden was available at Devon in the evening 2 beers for \$10. Fireworks and evening activities at Devon ceased in 2009 because of fear of fires. Parade and day activities were assigned to a borough activities-civic events committee.



Special Thanks

The Society is grateful for Rose Fitzgerald and J P Gentile leading 35 people on a walking tour of Revolutionary Haddon Heights. We look forward to creating more local walking tours.

We thank the Mayor, Zack Houck, and board member, Ken Funkhouser, for their public reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8. Forty plus people attended.



COMING EVENTS

H. H. Historical Society Meetings:

- Summer Meeting: Mon., July 20, 2026
- Fall Meeting: Mon., October 19, 2026

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm

Haddon Heights Library – lower level

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