

# RALSTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Invites you to

## RALSTON'S 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

### 2008 Schedule of Events

This year's theme is "Ralston USA Let Freedom Ring"

#### THURSDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### QUILT SHOW "Independence City Quilters and Friends"

Ralston Baright Public Library, 5555 S. 77<sup>th</sup> St. Quilts may be brought to the Library June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 p.m. & June 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 am- 2 pm  
FREE! Sponsored by: *Baright Public Library Foundation & Board of Trustees, Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce.* Dates listed below.

##### ARCHIVES HOUSE – Open 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Park Drive and Woodlawn Avenue \* Patriotic Music Program, 5:00 p.m. Presented by LaDonna Johnson & school music students, FREE! Sponsored by:  
*Archives House Committee*

##### PICNIC IN THE PARK/ Music, Entertainment, Pie Baking Contest Live Music by **Exit 41**

Ralston Park, 80<sup>th</sup> & Park Dr. 4:30 **Pie Baking Contest Judging** 5:30–7:30 pm **Picnic, Music, Children's Games, Pie & Ice Cream Social**  
Food & Beverage will be available for purchase

Sponsored by: *Ralston Jaycees, Archives House Committee, Ralston Area Chamber, and the City of Ralston*

Live Music sponsored by: *John Peterson CBS HOME Real Estate, ServiceOne, Music Performance Trust Fund & Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce*

\* **CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT** "Grateful Heart" 7:30pm, Ralston Park. FREE-Sponsored by *Ralston Churches*

##### RALSTON JAYCEES COMMUNITY DANCE - Live Music by Lemon Fresh Day 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. (Must be over 21 yrs. of age)

74<sup>th</sup> & Main St. - Lower Level Hillcrest Landing \$5 cover charge. Food and beverages available for purchase

##### SQUARE DANCE - 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

76<sup>th</sup> & Main St. FREE! Sponsored by: *Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce*

##### FAMILY STREET DANCE - "Gordie Zealand Music Production" 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. A 60's, 70's, & 80's Blast from the Past!

77<sup>th</sup> & Main St. A FREE family, non-alcohol, event. Sponsored by: *Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce*

##### COLORING CONTEST- Judging During Family Street Dance at Chamber Office, 5505 Miller Ave.

Sponsored by: *Hy-Vee, 96<sup>th</sup> & "Q", The Ralston Recorder, & Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce*

#### FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

**RAFFLE TICKETS** starting at 9 a.m. Chamber Office, 5505 Miller Ave. **Grand Prize:** 3 Minute Shopping Spree at Applewood

Hy-Vee, 96<sup>th</sup> & Q (value to \$2,000); **1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Custom design your lawn from CM's Custom Lawn & Landscape (\$750 value); **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Apple iPod  
Nano 4GB MP3 Player from Great Western Bank (\$200 value). **\$1 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5, or 12 tickets for \$10.**

(Date of Shopping Spree at Applewood Hy-Vee TBD. Some exclusions apply)

##### OPTIMIST FUN RUN – Independence Square, 77<sup>th</sup> & Main Street Gazebo. Assistance from *Prairie Life Fitness 8525 Q St.*

7:50 a.m. / One Mile Walk or Run 8:00 a.m. / Three Mile Race

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##### CHILDREN'S PARADE led by Ralston Mayor, Don Groesser. No registration required. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Under.

Line-up 9:30 am at the Chamber Office, 5500 Miller Ave. Children's Parade begins at 10 am, traveling from the Chamber Office to 76<sup>th</sup> & Main St, then  
back to the Chamber Office. Sponsored by: *Applewood Hy-Vee 96<sup>th</sup> & "Q"*

##### MUSIC at INDEPENDENCE SQUARE with Live Music by **Joey Gulizia & the G Notes** 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

77<sup>th</sup> & Main St. FREE! Sponsored by: *Music Performance Trust Fund & Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce*

#### **48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - 1:00 pm. Starts at 80<sup>th</sup> & Highland - Ends at 74<sup>th</sup> & Main St.**

Sponsored by: **Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Parade Marshall & Citizen of the Year Jerry Krause - President, Ralston City Council**

**Grand Marshall Scott Voorhees, KFAB Radio Host**

##### FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER FIGHTS following parade at 77<sup>th</sup> and Main St. Sponsored by: *Ralston Volunteer Fire Department*

##### RALSTON AMERICAN LEGION, Post #373 Auxiliary, 74<sup>th</sup> & Q

**CHICKEN DINNER at the Legion on July 4<sup>th</sup>** served Noon – 4:00 p.m.

**BEER GARDEN on July 4<sup>th</sup>** with hamburgers & hotdogs, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – BREAKFAST AT THE LEGION** Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 11:30 a.m..

#### **FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR - Dusk (approx. 9:30 p.m.) at Lakeview Golf Course, 72<sup>nd</sup> & Q St.**

Synchronized to music over FM Radio KAT 103

Sponsored by: *City of Ralston - Great Western Bank – Bellino Enterprises - Wiebe Foundation - Ralston Keno - BKD -*

*Ralston Police FOP #21 - First State Bank - American National Bank - The Schemmer Associates - SignIT-*

*Dicon General Contractors - Hillman Forman Law Firm - Norm's Door Service – Theatrical Media Services.*

**Grand Finale Sponsor: Great Western Bank**

#### MONDAY, JULY 7<sup>th</sup>

RAFFLE DRAWING at the Ralston Area Chamber office, 5505 Miller Ave. at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by: *Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce and Business Members*

#### **Additional "Independence City" Summer Activities**

##### Quilt Show at Ralston Baright Public Library "Independence City Quilters and Friends"

June 27 (6-8 pm); June 28 (10am – 5 pm); 29<sup>th</sup> (1-5 pm); June 30, July 1, 2 & 3 (10 am -5 pm); July 4<sup>th</sup> (10 am – noon).

##### Ralston Community Theatre presents: **A Chorus Line** at the NEW Ralston Performing Arts Center, 89<sup>th</sup> & Park Drive

July 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17 to 20th at 7:30 p.m. / July 6, 13, & 20th also at 2 p.m. Reservations: 898-3545 or [www.ralstontheatre.org](http://www.ralstontheatre.org)

##### Ralston High School All-Class Reunion, Sat., July 5<sup>th</sup> at Brewsky's 8528 Park Drive after 8:00 p.m. No RSVP needed. \*Donations go toward Alumni Scholarship Fund. For information contact Pam (Smith) Sevick 331-6591.

##### Ralston Reconnection Juried Art Exhibit at the Baright Public Library, June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup> Show open during Library hours.

Public reception Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Refreshments sponsored by *First State Bank.*

#### **FIREWORKS STAND LOCATIONS JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> – JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Open 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sales Tents at the following locations:**

**Ralston HS Curtain Raisers**

**73<sup>rd</sup> St. south of Q St.**

**Ralston HS Boys Soccer**

**84<sup>th</sup> St. and Madison**

**Ralston HS Varsity Cheer & Pom**

**72<sup>nd</sup> St. north of Harrison St.**

All profits go to Ralston non-profit organizations & their community projects.