

RALSTON'S 62nd ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Theme: Building on Tradition

2022 Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, JULY 3rd

- **Frank & Velma Johnson Archives Museum Open House 4 – 6:30 pm** 5515 Woodlawn Ave.
- **Picnic In the Park: 5:30 – 7:30 pm** at Ralston Park, 80th & Park Dr.
Sponsored by Ralston Area Chamber, City of Ralston, Frank & Velma Johnson Archives Museum, Glow Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ
 - **Picnic & Music:** Food and beverage available for purchase.
 - **Pie Baking Contest/Pie & Ice Cream Social: Pies must be at park between 3 – 4 pm**
Pie and ice cream available for purchase during picnic.
- **NEW! Swingtones, Nebraska Wind Symphony: 6 – 8 pm** at Granary 74th & Main St. Event including a beer garden, food trucks and live music – **FREE!**
- **FAMILY STREET DANCE: DJ Shawn Farrell, Sounds Unlimited 7 – 10 pm**, 77th & Main St. A family event. Bring the family and have some fun! Event includes food trucks. This is a non-alcohol event! Sponsored by: Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce – **FREE!**
- **Freedom Bash: Joystick: 7-11 pm** at Scorz, 76th & Main St. Event including a beer garden – **FREE!**
- **NEW! Lemon Fresh Day: 8 – 11 pm** at Granary 74th & Main St. Event including a beer garden, food trucks and live music – **FREE!**

MONDAY, JULY 4th – Independence Day!

- **OPTIMISTS INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN RUN/WALK:** One of the oldest runs in Nebraska! Independence Square, 77th and Main Street Gazebo. Entries include a T-shirt!
7:50 am One-mile walk/run and **8 am** Three-mile race
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NE/Omaha/RalstonIndependenceDayFunRunWalk2015>
- **CHILDREN'S PARADE:** No registration required ~ 6th grade & under. Line-up **9:30 am** Children's Parade starts at **10 am** at 5505 Miller Ave. - Chamber Office Led by Ralston's Mayor, Don Groesser – **FREE!**
- **FIRST STATE BANK'S PRE-PARADE PARTY: 10 am – 2 pm**
Bounce houses, face painting, and games – **FREE!**
Food trucks will be onsite. Located at 5370 South 72nd St., Ralston.
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: 1 pm** 62nd ANNUAL - Our parade emcee is KAT 103.7.
Parade Marshall: Senator Steve Lathrop and Citizen of the Year: Maria Sanchez
Sponsored by: Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce
<https://ralstonareachamber.org/events/details/2022-independence-day-1320?calendarMonth=2022-07-01>
Parade live broadcast on News Channel Nebraska - sponsored by Meridian Clinical Research
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER FIGHTS** following parade **NEW LOCATION** Granary 74th & Main St.
Sponsored by: Ralston Volunteer Fire Department – **FREE!**
- **NEW! After Parade Party Pam & the Pearls following parade – 6 pm** Granary 74th & Main St.
Sponsored by the City of Ralston and Granary – **FREE!**
- **NEW! Firecracker corn on the cob eating competition 4:30 pm** Granary 74th & Main St.
Sponsored by Sojourn Café – **FREE!**
<https://www.eventvesta.com/events/18528-firecracker-corn-on-the-cob-eating-contest>
- **FIREWORKS:** Dusk (approx. **9:30 pm**) Ralston Arena, 72nd & Q St. **NEW!** Food Trucks
Sponsored by City of Ralston, Bellino Fireworks and several generous city partners!

SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

FIREWORKS STAND LOCATIONS: JUNE 25th – JULY 4th **8 am – 11 pm**

Glow Church	Jr. Lancers Hockey Team	Boy Scout Troop
73 rd St. south of Q St.	72 nd St. north of Harrison St.	84 th St. & Madison