

RALSTON'S 63rd ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Theme: Ralston heART of the Metro
2023 Schedule of Events

MONDAY, JULY 3rd

- Frank & Velma Johnson Archives Museum Open House 4 – 6:30 pm 5515 Woodlawn Ave.
- **NEW! Picnic On the Green: 5:30 – 7:30 pm** at Granary Green, 74th & Main
 - **Picnic:** Food and beverage available for purchase. Trinity United Methodist Church
Funds raised support local Easter Egg Hunt and other GREAT community activities!
 - **Amateur Pie Baking Contest/Pie & Ice Cream Social: Pie drop off 3 – 4 pm**
Pie and ice cream available for purchase during picnic. Glow Church
Funds raised support giving brand new pairs of shoes to Ralston students in need this coming fall.
- **NEW! United States Air Force Heartland of America Band: 6 – 8 pm** at Granary 74th & Main St. Event including a beer garden, food trucks and live music – **FREE!**
- **NEW! FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT & STREET DANCE: 77th & Main St.**
7-9 DJ Shawn Farrell, Sounds Unlimited 9-9:30 Omaha Circus Arts, Fire Dancing & Cyr wheel show **NEW!**
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Bring the family and have some fun! Food trucks, balloon, airbrush tattoo artists.– **FREE!**
- **Freedom Bash: Joystick: 7-11 pm** at Scorz, 76th & Main St. Event including a beer garden-**FREE!**
- **NEW! The Village outdoor beer garden 6PM-2AM**
- **Lemon Fresh Day: 8 – 11 pm** at Granary 74th & Main St. Event including a beer garden, food trucks and live music – **FREE! 21 and older only event**

TUESDAY, JULY 4th – Independence Day!

- **OPTIMISTS INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN RUN/WALK:** One of the oldest runs in Nebraska!
77th and Main St. Entries include T-shirt! 7:50 am One-mile walk/run and 8 am Three-mile race.
https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=138398
- **CHILDREN'S PARADE: NEW 3 Prizes will be given!** No registration required ~ 6th grade & under. Line-up 9:30 am Children's Parade starts at 10 am at 5505 Miller Ave. Led by Ralston's Mayor, Don Groesser – **FREE!**
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: 1 pm** 63rd ANNUAL - Our parade emcee is KAT 103.7.
Parade Marshall: Joel Sartore
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER FIGHTS Following the parade** Downtown Ralston
Sponsored by: Ralston Volunteer Fire Department – **FREE!**
- **NEW! After Parade COOL DOWN Party Following parade – 6 pm** Granary 74th & Main St.
Music, Food Trucks, Sponsored by the City of Ralston and Granary – **FREE!**
- **NEW! Food eating competition 4:30 pm** Granary 74th & Main St. Sponsored by Lemon Tree Café - **FREE**
- **FIREWORKS:** Dusk (approx. 9:30 pm) Ralston Arena, 72nd & Q St. **NEW!** Food Trucks
Sponsored by City of Ralston, Bellino Fireworks and several city partners!

SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

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

<u>Alliance</u>	<u>Jr. Lancers Hockey Team</u>	<u>Boy Scout Troop</u>
73 rd St. south of Q St.	72 nd St. north of Harrison St.	84 th St. & Madison