Celebrate our many freedoms with the Star Spangled Celebration!

It’s time to celebrate our many freedoms and Lake Oswego does this with panache! So don your patriotic colors, decorate your wagons, and enjoy an old-fashioned 4th of July.

The festivities begin on Wednesday, July 3 at 7 p.m. at Millennium Plaza Park with a USO-style performance from Millennium Concert Band. This exceptional evening performance, which is led by Music Director and Lake Oswego resident, Dale Cleland, features patriotic, military and marching compositions. Additionally, the event features a ceremonial Presentation of Colors from the Lake Oswego Police Honor Guard.

The fun continues on Thursday, July 4, with the Star Spangled Parade and Celebration. Join friends, family, and neighbors to stroll down A Avenue in the spectacular parade or take a seat on the sidewalk and watch the festivities from the south side of the street. The parade is led by a Lake Oswego Police vehicle and features an authentic Fife & Drum Band, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, classic cars, and more! Parade staging begins at 9 a.m. at Lake Garden Court (off Iron Mountain Blvd.); the parade commences at 10 a.m. All vehicles and large groups MUST pre-register to participate in the parade.

When the parade concludes at Millennium Plaza Park, guests will enjoy a magnificent Star Spangled Celebration. Guests can leave their decorated bikes, trikes and wagons at the Bike Corral, sponsored by Lakeside Bicycles and parade into the park for the festivities. The Star Spangled Celebration, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., features live music from rock n’roll group, The Menace Band. Additionally, guests can enjoy face-painting, balloon animals and a photo booth courtesy of All-Star sponsor, State Farm Insurance. Guests are invited to treat their taste buds to an All-American meal with food available for purchase from Pine Shed Ribs, Klassic Kettlecorn, Blue Raeven Farmstand, and ice cream from Youth Action Council. Plus, celebrate the USA with the third annual July 4th Pie Eating Contest at 12 p.m.

Don’t miss out on these fantastic events - it’s sure to be a truly memorable 4th of July! For additional information, visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec or call Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation at 503-675-2549.

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