



July 4: The Birth of American Independence

By The History Channel

Variouly known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4 has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the eighteenth century and the American Revolution (1775 to 1783).

In June of 1776, representatives of the thirteen colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

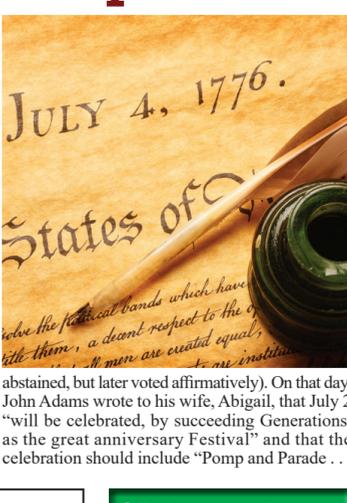
From 1776 until the present day, July Fourth has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired

complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet *Common Sense*, published in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later called Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation



abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade . . .

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Kew Gardens Interchange Project
NYS DOT Contract No: D900043
Bid Date: July 3, 2018

Description of project:
Design-build services for the Kew Gardens Interchange. This project area includes the Kew Gardens Interchange with Grand Central Parkway (GCP), Jackie Robinson Parkway (JRP), Union Turnpike (UTP), and the Van Wyck Expressway (VWE). The project will consist of demolition and replacement of six existing structures with new, widened structures, reconstruction of the ramps connecting the GCP, UTP, JRP, and VWE, and installation of new safety appurtenances meeting current standards.

Many bidding opportunities available.

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42nd Street Shuttle Line Project
MTA NYCT Contract No. A-35302/37116
Bid Date: July 19, 2018

Description of project:
Times Square, conversion from a three-track to a two-track shuttle operation with a six-car train on each track. The existing platforms will be reconfigured into one twenty-eight foot wide platform which shall also be extended three hundred sixty feet along the existing track alignment. A second means of egress will be provided at the east end of the extended platform. Work will also include providing vertical accessibility with a new stairway from the shuttle mezzanine to street level, a new Control Area, removing columns, modifying the structural system at all column consolidation locations to redistribute the loads, removing an existing Control Area, stairs P-9 and S-12, relocating columns for proper alignment of car doors and proper passenger flow, new communication rooms at both stations, GCT scrubber room relocation, line GCT employee area, and stair work at GCT.

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Harold Structures Part 4 Project
MTA Capital Construction Contract No. CH058A
Bid Date: July 10, 2018

Description of project:
The work of this contract includes removal of the existing cutterhead of the Tunnel B/C tunnel boring machine, construction of the Tunnel B/C Approach Structure, installation of catenary poles, construction of ductbanks, installation of track and special track work, site grading, and miscellaneous demolition. As part of construction of the Tunnel B/C Approach Structure, the contractor will be required to design and provide temporary support for the 39th Street Bridge and transfer the bridge load from the temporary support to the permanent support structure. The contract includes two options—one for installation of ballasted track and special trackwork and one for demolition and removal of existing track. The work will be performed within the Sunnyside Yard/Harold Interlocking area in Queens, New York.

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Throgs Neck Bridge Replacement of Roadway Deck in Suspended Spans
MTA Bridges and Tunnels Contract No: TN-49
Bid Date: August 7, 2018

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Asphalt, Barrier, Bearings, CPM Scheduling, Demolition, Drainage, Electrical, Expansion Joints, Fencing, Field Trailer, Fuel, Haul and Dispose, Highway Lighting, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Painting, Paving, Railings, Rebar, Sandblasting, Saw Cutting, Sealing, Signs, Striping, Structural Steel, Surveying, Testing, and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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Route 1 and 9 (Pulaski Skyway) Rocker-Bent Investigation Contract
NJSDOT Contract No: 051183160
Bid Date: July 10, 2018

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Bearings, Civil General Contracting, Construction Engineering, CPM Scheduling, Dumpster, Fencing, Field Trailer, Fuel, Haul and Dispose, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Office Trailer Fit Out, Painting, Piles, Rebar, Sandblasting, Signs, Striping, Structural Steel, Surveying, Temp Shoring Towers, Testing and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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Sandy Repair and Flood Mitigation—207th Street Yard and 200th/207th Street Interlockings Project
MTA NYCT Contract No. C-34838
Bid Date: July 10, 2018

Description of project:
The work to be performed consists of signal system modernization at the 207th Street Yard, rehab of existing and construction of new facilities including relay rooms, CBTC rooms, and restoration of track infrastructure. The work also includes furnishing and installing flood mitigation and resiliency structures and measures, such as steel seawall and pile supported concrete walls, flood gates, fabric portal flood gate, drainage improvement, replacement of track feeder, transmission cables, and appurtenances at the 207th Street Yard.

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Explore Small Business Administration Resources
Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Center for Women and Enterprise—Eastern Massachusetts, 24 School Street, Floor 7, Boston, MA
Main Sponsor(s): Center for Women and Enterprise—Eastern Massachusetts
Contact: mlutts@cweonline.org
Fee: Free; registration required
This workshop is presented by a member of the local US Small Business Administration team and is designed to help entrepreneurs understand the various SBA programs and services available to help them start or expand a business. Topics covered include: Technical Assistance Program; SBA Loan Guarantee Program; 8(a) Business Development Program; HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zones) Program; Government Contracting Opportunities. The Center for Women and Enterprise is a nationally known nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people start and grow their businesses. CWE provides opportunities to increase professional success, personal growth, and financial independence.

Social Media Basics For Your Business
Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm
Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, 28 Old Falls Street, Room 234, Niagara Falls, NY
Main Sponsor(s): Niagara Small Business Development Center
Contact: Lynn Oswald, 716-210-2515, oswald@niagaracc.suny.edu
Fee: Free; registration required
Are your online efforts reaching your target markets? Social Media Basics For Your Business will review different social media websites and what they have to offer for your business. The seminar will also discuss social media marketing strategies you can use to most effectively reach your target market. The Niagara Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides free management and technical assistance, including business planning, marketing and global strategies, cash-flow projections, and financial analysis. The SBDC is staffed by experienced professionals who provide individualized counseling.

Boots to Business Reboot: Starting or Growing A Veteran-Owned Business
Thursday, July 26, 2018, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Office of the Albany County Executive, 112 State Street, Cahill Room, Albany, NY
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Veterans Business Outreach Center
Contact: Amy Amoroso, 518-326-6328, aamoroso@arsenallpartnership.com
Fee: Free; registration required
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