

# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY, AMERICA!

## MILLIONS OF AMERICANS GATHER TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY



### Washington, D.C. National Independence Day Parade Begins at 11:45 AM

More than 300 million Americans celebrate Independence Day today, the 4th of July. One of the most important national events that honor our country's

independence is the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. Plenty of surprises have been announced for Americans at the Parade, including the largest float the United States has had in the event for the past 20 years.

The parade is due to commence at 11:45 AM, starting at Constitution Avenue and 17th Street. The entire route is one mile long, and the festivities will last until 2:00 pm. Like every year, Americans of all ages are encouraged to participate in the grand event. According to the official website of the National Independence Day Parade, some seating is available in front of the National Archives Building, on the steps. However, most participants will be required to stand.

Just a few of the spectacular demonstrations Americans can expect today are military and specialty units, huge balloons, bands, drum corps, drill teams, celebrities and other VIPs, just to name a few. Of course, music and good cheer will be found from beginning to end.

To learn more about this beloved national event, visit their official website for the full schedule and any other necessary information.



### Message from The White House

This morning, a press release was issued from Washington, D.C. with the White House's official statement for Independence Day. According to WhiteHouse.gov, "President Obama wished everyone a happy Fourth of July, and recognized our service members, veterans and their families for their service to our country. The President commended First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden on the