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## 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY EVENTS CHANGED FOR 2021

Unfortunately in 2021, the City of Piedmont will not hold the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and party in the park due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As disappointing as this is, the City recognizes that the most important thing right now is to keep the community safe and healthy. Because of the nature of the parade and party in the park, the determination has been made that hosting a large group event in Piedmont is still not a good idea, even with the progress we've made fighting COVID-19.

### **Bringing the Parade to the Community**

While we can't gather together on Highland Avenue, there will be a small flotilla of vehicles that brings the parade to you (or near by)! A small group of vehicles as well as a flatbed truck carrying the venerable Barrelhouse Jazz Band will slowly make its way around town to bring a little bit of parade spirit to the community. Keep a look out for the caravan driving down your street (or close by) between at 12:00-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July House and Car Decorating Contest**

Decorate your house, yard, or car to show our Independence Day Spirit, with the theme to be announced soon. The following awards will be given:

- The Highland Cup (Best Entry)
- Highland Saucer (Most Patriotic)
- Highland Spoon (Best Team Entry)
- Best Car in Place
- Most Artistic Award
- Best Spirit Award
- Best Theme Award

Judges will visit each entry on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> between 5:00–7:00 p.m. and winners will be announced on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

To enter, email Carla Betts ([carlabetts@hotmail.com](mailto:carlabetts@hotmail.com)) the following information by Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

- Name
- Address
- Cell Phone
- Email
- Yard or car description

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Block Parties Are Back**

Coming back in 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> of July block parties will once again be permitted this year. If you would like to host a 4<sup>th</sup> of July block party, please fill out the form on the City's web page at <https://piedmont.ca.gov> and submit by Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Please make sure to follow current State COVID Safety guidelines. City of Piedmont Public Works staff will deliver barricades by Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you need more information about 4<sup>th</sup> of July block parties please call (510) 420-3040.