

RALSTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
RALSTON'S 57th ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
2017 Schedule of Events ~ This year's parade theme: "*Happy 150th Birthday Nebraska*"

MONDAY, JULY 3rd

- * **Archives Museum Open House: 4:00 - 6:30 pm** at the Frank & Velma Johnson Ralston Archives Museum, Park Dr & Woodlawn Ave. **FREE!**
- * **Picnic In The Park: 5:30 - 7:30 pm** at Ralston Park, 80th & Park Dr. Sponsored by Ralston Area Chamber, City of Ralston, Frank & Velma Johnson Archives Museum, Trinity United Methodist Church
~**Picnic & Music:** Live music by: John Worsham Trio, Food and beverage available for purchase. Served by Trinity United Methodist Church
~**Pie Baking Contest/Pie & Ice Cream Social: Pies must be at park between 3-4 pm.** Pie and ice cream available for purchase during picnic
- * **FAMILY STREET DANCE** ~"Ralston's own DJ Gordie Z" **7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**, 77th & Main St. A family event. Bring the family and have some fun! This is a non-alcohol event Sponsored by: *Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce* - **FREE!**

TUESDAY, JULY 4th

- * **OPTIMISTS INDEPENDENCE DAY FUN RUN/WALK**~Independence Square, 77th & Main Street Gazebo~Sponsorships Available ~More information call: **402-680-1023 or 402-990-4154**. Entries include a T-shirt! This is one of the oldest runs in Nebraska! **7:50 a.m.** One Mile Walk/Run and 8:00 a.m. Three Mile Race
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NE/Omaha/RalstonIndependenceDayFunRunWalk2015>
- * **QUILT SHOW** "*Independence City Quilters and Friends*" ~ **10:00 a.m.-12p.m.** Ralston Baright Public Library, 5555 S. 77th St.
- * **CHILDREN'S PARADE**~ No registration required ~ 6th Grade & Under. Line-up **9:30 a.m.** Children's Parade starts at **10:00 a.m.** at 5505 Miller Ave. - Chamber Office – Led by Ralston Mayor, Don Groesser **FREE!**
- * **MUSIC at INDEPENDENCE SQUARE** ~Music **11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** *Live music by Joey Gullizia & the G Notes* 77th & Main St. **FREE!**
- * **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**~**1:00 p.m.**, 57th ANNUAL Parade starts at 80th & Highland - ending at 7400 Main St. Sponsored by: Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce. Our Parade emcee is KAT 103.7! *Parade Marshal and Citizen of the Year is Larry Jacobsen*
- ***FIRE DEPARTMENT WATERFIGHTS** following parade 77th and Main St.~ Sponsored by: *Ralston Volunteer Fire Department* **FREE!**
- ***CHICKEN DINNER**~Legion 74th & Q St. **12:00-4:00 p.m.**, (Chicken fingers for the kiddos) Sponsored by: *Ralston American Legion Post #373 Auxiliary*.
- ***OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN & LIVE MUSIC at the Legion**~**5:00-11:30 pm**, 74th & Q St. * *enter @ door for live music \$5 cover charge.* Sponsored by: Ralston American Legion Post #373 Auxiliary.
- ***FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**~Dusk (approx. **9:30 p.m.**) Ralston Arena, 72nd & Q St., Synchronized to music over FM Radio **KAT 103.7** *Grand Finale Sponsor: Great Western Bank*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th

- * **RAFFLE DRAWING Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.** (need not be present to win) - Ralston Area Chamber office, 5505 Miller Ave. 402-339-7737 Sponsored by: *Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce and Business Members*

SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

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

Omaha Roller Girls *Boy Scout Troop 377* *Jr. Lancers Hockey Team*
73rd St. south of Q St. 73rd St. South of Q St. 72nd St. north of Harrison St.

(All profits go to Non-profit organization)