Welcome to the American Village’s Independence Day Celebration of our country’s 241st birthday!

The 10-year countdown to America’s 250th birthday began this past July 4 as we celebrated the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. In 2026 this generation will experience the best opportunity since the country’s Bicentennial (1976) for a resurgence of knowledge, patriotism and pride in our Nation.

Join us in preparing for the Semiquincentennial of the United States of America. First, we must recommit our country to teaching young people about the founding principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence. We must affirm our country’s heritage of liberty is exceptional and worthy of our aspiration and service. We must rekindle the spark of liberty that defines us as an American people.

We are living in a time of extraordinary discord around the world and in our national life. We should remember that “we the people” are united as a Nation by a shared love of liberty and by our constitutional system of self-government.

On the 241st birthday of the United States of America, let us renew our personal commitment to be good citizens and pledge our allegiance once more to this republic, “...one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for us all.”

Jon Walker
Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust

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SHOW YOUR COLORS!

Order your distinctive, personalized “God Bless America” license plate today. Proceeds support the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy project at the American Village. www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/index.html

The Duel: On the heights of Weehawken on July 11, 1804, Alexander Hamilton passes into political immortality.

4:00 p.m. on the far side of the lake at Concord Bridge (best viewed from the shady side; one performance only - weather permitting)

Eliza Hamilton:
The Lady speaks on her husband’s legacy.
11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 at Founders Hall (L)
THANK YOU TO OUR VISITORS, AND THOSE WHO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE:

OUR REENACTORS, MUSICIANS & ENTERTAINERS

1st Pennsylvania Regiment Continental Army Reenactors
Chris Long, Allen Cousins, Erich Cousins, Noah Houston,
Don Relveya, Dan Valles

The South Carolina Militia Reenactors
Shaun Baker, Jay Schuelly, Shane Scroggins

1st Hamilton Legion Reenactors
Shannon Baxter, Roy Collier, Dan Dykes, Jim Friberg, Harry Floyd,
Dan Hutchinson, Dan McMichael, Foy Pippin, Ben Tolley

The Colonial Consort
Lori Ar dovino, Rick Ar dovino, Sarah Hansen, Laurie Middaugh, Katie York

The Ain’t Misbehavin’ Band
Franklin Bell, David Carlyle, Bill Darden, Bob Derickson, George Graham,
Jenny Lee, Ken Lee, Marjorie Lee, Kelly Morgan, Todd Morgan, Vince Perry,
Rick Roper, Chris Spiker, Rick Starnes, Bill Wildes, Harry Wootan

The Clog Wild Cloggers
Taj Alex, Cecilia Boss, Sharen Col lins, Debbie Daniel, Elizabeth Gou ens,
Andrew Helton, Tara Helton, Katie Hill, Wendy Hugde ley, Diane Jordan,
Martin Jordan, Jan Lanksford, Judy Reed, Erich Reggel, Margaret Snyder,
Kay F rimm, Gracie Williams, Lana Williams

The Warblers
Charlie Allison, Hobart Arnold, Wayne Adkinson, Roy Att son, Tom Barnes,
Charlie Boone, Larry Boy man, Cary Campbell, Wally Carlisle, Rusty
Chastain, Royce Cloud, Terry Col ller, Bill Dean, Bill Dimon, Gil Franks, Hoke
Graham, Bill Henry, Steve Hopkins, Larry Hudson, David Johnston, Terry
Kelso, Steve Loggins, Terry Malone, Jim Martin, Kenneth Moore, Randy
Morrison, Seth Parker, Michael Payne, Johnny Riley, Jim Roberson, Mike
Robinson, John Somerset, Creed Stone, Randee Vance, Phillip Walker, Tom
Walker, Jim Whitlock, Bob Parker-Director, Margaret Parker-Accompanist

The Alabama Wildlife Center
Rachael Clark, Scottie Jackson, Lauren Mancher

Rita Allen .......................... USO Singer
Al Bouler .................................. Davy Crockett
JDanny Cooper .......................... Uncle Sam
Ronald Daupheneac ..................... Benjamin Franklin
Robby Draper .............................. USO Pianist
Alan Goldspiel .......................... Spanish Guit arist
Quincy Hall ............................... Chapel Organist
Michael McC reedy ........................ Marquis de Lafayette
Rev.Tyler Richards ........................., Colonial Evening Prayer
Annesley Streets .......................... Violinist, Music of Washington’s Day

OUR STAFF & SUPPORT TEAM

Jessica Averett, Randy Benefield, Johnny Curry,
Jennie Gregory, Mike Jones, Kitty Keener, Tyrus Kidd,
Jacob Kiker, Terry Lawley, Martha Lewis, Kerri Pate,
Melanie Poole, D. A. Price, Justin Price, Jeff Stewart,
Terilyn Stewart, Pete Walker, Jodie Was yluka

Special thanks to: “Dollar Bill” Lawson, Steve Gilbert &
CGS Entertainment, Montevallo High School FFA,
Montevallo Police Dept., Shelby Co. Sheriff’s Office, Danny
Turner & Pyro Shows of AL, Montevallo Fire and Rescue
Service, Joe Ar dovino & The Montevallo Community Band,
Ken Jones & Regions Bank, Shelby County Commission

OUR VOLUNTEERS

More than 120 men and women are volunteering their time
and service today to help make your visit enjoyable.
Please join us in thanking anyone wearing a red
American Village shirt!

OUR COSTUMED HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS

William Stewart (Officer of Interpreted Programs) ........ Patrick Henry
Noel Stewart* (Manager, Junior Interpreter Program) . . . Abigail Adams
Chris Long (Manager, Military Programs) ............... Major James Moore
Nancy Moore Estes (Manager, Historic Costumes) Mercy Otis Warren
Angel Tillman* (Choreographer of the Ball) ........ Martha Washington
Amy Bell .............................. Kitty Greene
Charlie Bell* ............................. Alex Richmond, Alexander Hamilton
Rush Brunson* ............................ Thomas Jefferson
Rebecca Evans* ......................... Eliza Hamilton
Richard Evans ............................ Aaron Burr
Lesli Johnson ............................. Phillips Wheatley
Jennifer Lee .............................. Lucy Knox
John Carter Simmons .................. Election Officer (Davy Crockett)
*Dances in the Independence Ball

OUR 2017 JUNIOR INTERPRETERS

Elizabeth Bandura .......................... Colonial Games Player
Kat y Barnes .............................. Young Patriot Spies
Sarah Bateman ............................ Young Voices of the Revolution
Bonnie Bell ............................... Independence Ball Dancer
Samuel Dahlen ............................ Young Voices of the Revolution
Peter Ditoro ............................... Colonial Crime and Punishment
Cammi Griffith ............................. Liberty Tree
Ashlee Hall ............................... Young Patriot Spies
Paige Hemmer ............................. Lessons in Etiquette
Lauren Hoaglund .......................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Micah Houston ............................ Colonial Crime and Punishment; The Duel
Justin Lewis ............................... Lessons in Etiquette
Abigail Mathis ............................ Young Voices of the Revolution
Josiah Montgomery ...................... Independence Ball Dancer; The Duel
Lauren Moon ............................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Olivia Naro ............................... Chief Colonial Games Player
David Smith ............................... Independence Ball Dancer; The Duel
Lauren Smith ............................. Narrator, Battle at Concord Bridge; The Duel
Mia Stowe ................................. Lessons in Etiquette
Campbell Torgerson ........................ Liberty Tree
Bella Trent ............................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Anna Grace Wesson ........................ Young Voices of the Revolution
Madelyn Wiehl ............................. Lessons in Etiquette
Caroline Winchester ........................ Young Voices of the Revolution
All Junior Interpreters ................. Sacrifice of the Signers

Noel Stewart, Manager, Junior Interpreter Program
Some Things to See and Do

(most programs run 15 to 30 minutes)

11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30

Eliza Hamilton The Lady speaks of her husband’s legacy; Founders Hall

11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30

Thomas Jefferson prepares to write a Declaration Assembly Room – Washington Hall

11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00

Volley Fire and Battle Cry Can you muster into the Continental Army? Encampment

11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30

Abigail Adams and Mercy Otis Warren The Meeting House

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00

Young Martha Washington Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

12:00, 1:30, 3:00

Music of Washington’s Day The Courthouse

12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

Young Voices of the Revolution A vignette with our Junior Interpreters; The Barn

12:00, 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00

Phillis Wheatley, A Poet’s Journey Founders Hall

12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00

USO Show at the Veterans Canteen Estes Theatre

12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00

Young Patriot Spies The Meeting House

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00

Alex Richmond speaks with “Common Sense” about Thomas Paine Assembly Room – Washington Hall

12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 6:45

Patrick Henry “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” Speech; Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel

12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Etiquette Lessons with the Generals’ Wives Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

2:00, 3:00

The Colonial Consort Founders Hall

12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 6:30

Colonial Crime and Punishment Begins in Courthouse and concludes at Stocks and Pillory

1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

The Liberty Tree A young lady’s account of revolutionary Boston; The Meeting House

1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00

Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier The Courthouse

3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Ben Franklin, Patriot Fire Fighter Assembly Room – Washington Hall

4:00, 5:00, 6:00

Popular Hits of the 18th Century Music on the Spanish guitar; Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

4:30, 5:30, 6:30

A visit with the Marquis de Lafayette Founders Hall

5:00, 6:00

Independence Ball A Celebration in Dance, Music and Song; Liberty Hall

TOUR THE NATIONAL VETERANS SHRINE
11:00 until 7:00 (D on the map)

THE WARBLERS
Music you can whistle and hum to. 12:30 and 2:30 in the Colonial Chapel (1 on the map)

IT’S SWING TIME!
Enjoy the “Big Band” sound of Ain’t Misbehavin’. 3:00 in Liberty Hall (A on the map)

RELEASE OF A RED-TAILED HAWK
Alabama Wildlife Center 3:00 at the Main Stage

CLOG WILD CLOGGERS
4:00 & 6:15 in the Barn (Q on the map)

COLONIAL EVENING PRAYER
5:00 in the Colonial Chapel (1 on the map)

USO DANCE
Enjoy the “Big Band” sound of Ain’t Misbehavin’ one more time! 6:45 in Liberty Hall (A on the map)

VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE OVAL OFFICE
11:00 until 7:00 (O on the map)

EXPLORE THE PETTUS RANDALL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY
11:00 until 7:00 (K on the map)
Children’s Activities

Sidewalk Art for Independence
Draw what Independence Day means to you.
*Tent at the picnic area, 11:30 until 6:00 while supplies last

Selfies with Uncle Sam
Take your picture and get a FREE American Flag!
*Liberty Hall (A), 1:30 until 3:00 RESTROOM IN BUILDING

The “Amazing, Amazing” Colonial Maze
Can you find your way through the hay bale maze?
11:30 until dark near the Main Stage

Alabama Wildlife Rescue Center
See live hawks and other rescued birds and learn about them.
*End of the Freedom Trail (X) 12:00 until 5:00. PORTABLE RESTROOM NEARBY

Games on the Green
Play Stop and Go, Hoops, Trap Ball, Cat in the Corner or Beast, Bird or Fish.
*Constitution Green, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30

Sign the Declaration of Independence, play bean bag toss and solve the puzzles of history
*Rotunda (G), 12:00 until 6:00 RESTROOM IN BUILDING

Party Like it’s 1776
Dress up with clothes from the colonial trunk; color a patriotic birthday page; play nine pins or join a game of croquet.
*Carriage House (E), 12:00 until 6:00 RESTROOM IN BUILDING

Where’s GEORGE?
Find the three cutouts of George Washington and collect a prize!
11:00 until 6:30. Pick up a game sheet at THE INFORMATION TENT. Prizes for children 14 and under are available to the first 500.

Play Tavern Games
Play 18th century table games.
*Under the tent near the Liberty Bell Garden (J), 12:00 until 6:00

Can you Speak on the Stump?
Speak like Lincoln, Clay, Webster and other great orators... from a tree stump.
11:00 until dark on the back side of Constitution Green between the Maze and the Encampment.

Play a game of History Hopscotch
Play this classic game that first came to America at Jamestown in 1607.
11:00 until dark, at the picnic area. RESTROOM NEARBY

Can you Hula Hoop?
It looks easy, but can you keep the hoop spinning? A half century after being introduced, some are still trying.
11:00 until dark, on the plaza behind the Visitor Center (B). RESTROOM INSIDE

The Battle at Concord Bridge
Location V on map
Times: 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.
(weather permitting)

See patriots engage the redcoats as the “shot heard ‘round the world” ignites a Revolution.

The American Village is a SMOKE FREE CAMPUS.
Thank you for not smoking.

Weather Warning:
In the event of stormy weather, please enter the nearest building and wait for an “All Clear” announcement from Village Staff. Please follow all weather warnings and alerts and follow all instructions when given.
The American Village follows the National Weather Service advise to suspend outdoor activities for 30 minutes after seeing lightning or hearing thunder.
Independence Day 1776
Main Stage Evening Program

Thomas Jefferson reads the Declaration of Independence
immediately followed by
The Sacrifice of the Signers
presented by the American Village Junior Interpreters
7:00 p.m.

The Montevallo Community Band presents
A Patriotic Musical Prelude
7:30 p.m.
Dr. Joseph Ardovino, Director, with special assistance from Jamie Langley, WIAT CBS 42

7:45 p.m.
Master of Ceremonies ................................................................. “Dollar Bill” Lawson, WDBX 102.5 The Bull
Invocation, Washington’s Prayer for the Country .......................... Phillis Wheatley, portrayed by Lesli Johnson
Welcoming Remarks ................................................................. Tom Walker, Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust
Presentation of the Colors .......................................................... 1st Pennsylvania Regiment
1st Hamilton Legion
The Pledge of Allegiance ........................................................... Children in the audience*, led by Jamie Langley and Jim Dunaway, WIAT CBS 42
The National Anthem ............................................................... Katelyn Babb
accompanied by The Montevallo Community Band
Salute to America’s Military Veterans ........................... The Montevallo Community Band
Huzzahs........................................................................ Major James Moore, Continental Army, portrayed by Chris Long
and accompanied by the audience

The FIREWORKS!
Celebrating America’s 241st Birthday with Grand Illuminations (after twilight’s last gleaming)**

*Children who wish to help lead the Pledge of Allegiance are invited to come to the front of the stage at this time
**Fireworks and music coordinated between the Montevallo Community Band and Pyro Shows of Alabama
Two gates will be open after the Fireworks to assist you in exiting the Village as quickly as possible.
You are Cordially Invited to the
Independence Ball
A Celebration in Dance, Music & Song
5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Liberty Hall (location A on the map)

BE A JUNIOR INTERPRETER

Each spring students (grades 6 through 12) who are interested in fine arts performance and history may audition to participate in American Village summer programming. At least 25 will be selected to assist our professional educational interpreters in presenting the customs and times of the 18th century. Our junior interpreters receive professional training and may participate in various historical vignettes like those you see today. Apply for next year’s program online at www.americanvillage.org, call Noel Stewart at 205-665-3535 x 1029 or e-mail nstewart@americanvillage.org. The program is free, but participants are required to purchase their 18th century costume. Auditions for the 2018 Summer Program will be held in mid-February, 2018.

Visit the Patriot Gift Shop

Please plan a visit to our Patriot Gift Shop as a part of your activities on America’s 241st birthday. Join the “Spirit of ‘76” as you shop for games, symbols, and other patriotic memorabilia of those Revolutionary times. Gift Shop closes at 7 p.m.

Become a Friend of the American Village

The American Village Citizenship Trust is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, and operates through a combination of public and private support.

We hope you will consider making a tax deductible contribution in support of our vital work. Visit the Information Tent at the top of the hill to see how you can become involved by donating your time, your talent, or your treasure. You may also write or call us:

The American Village Citizenship Trust
P. O. Box 6 • Montevallo, Alabama 35115
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Make a gift online at www.americanvillage.org
Please join us again for more family-friendly fun!

Our Summer Season continues through July 29.

Summer hours:
Tuesday-Saturday
10am to 4pm

Admission:
$5 each

Celebrate America! 10am to 4pm
Saturday, July 29

For more family-friendly fun, please join us again.

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