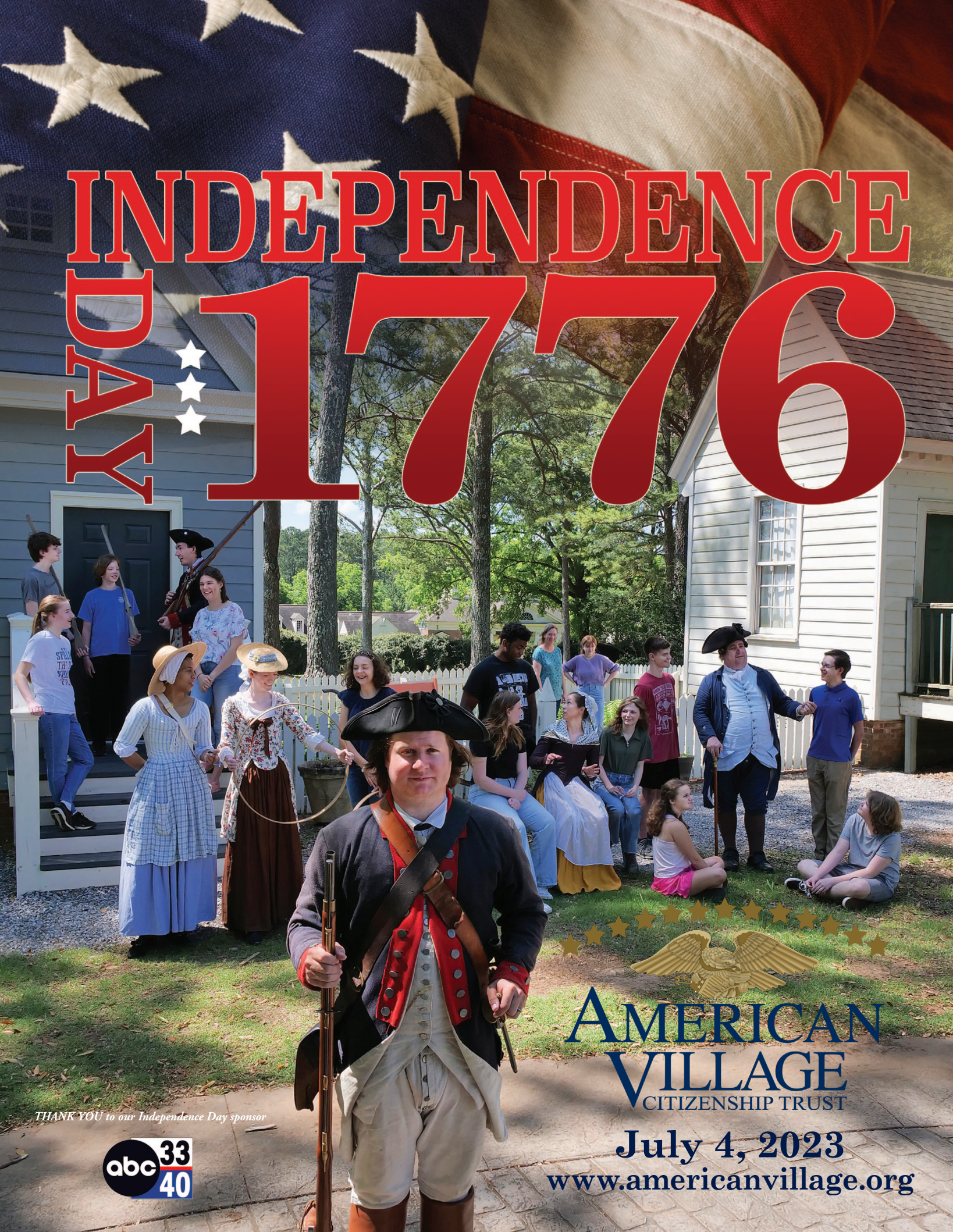


INDEPENDENCE DAY 1776



AMERICAN VILLAGE
CITIZENSHIP TRUST

July 4, 2023

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THANK YOU to our Independence Day sponsor



Welcome to the American Village's Independence Day Celebration!

In just three short years, our nation will celebrate its' 250th birthday. This event on July 4th, 2026 will be a unique opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves and our families' efforts towards learning more about our country and fostering a renewed sense of patriotism and pride.

The American Village is actively preparing for this milestone and remains dedicated to teaching learners of all ages through immersive and engaging vignettes that draw them into the story of our shared past, where they connect with and become a part of history, rather than just reading it in a book. By becoming part of that story, real connections are made with our visitors, who then become more interested in learning about the historical people and events that they encounter here at the American Village. By doing so, they will become more active in our system of liberty and constitutional self-government and become personally invested in our nation's future.



On today's 247th birthday of the United States of America, as you enjoy celebrating Independence Day with us here at the American Village, let us continue that renewal of patriotism and pride and the lessons of history. Thank you for being with us today and may God Bless America!

Tom Walker

Founder and President Emeritus, American Village Citizenship Trust

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A Note from the CEO

The mission of The American Village "to strengthen and renew the foundations of American liberty and self-government" is one that speaks directly to my heart as a Marine Corps officer and an attorney. I am incredibly excited to have this opportunity to continue the work Tom Walker started with the American Village nearly 30 years ago. Tom Walker's incredible vision and leadership is evident everywhere on this campus. My primary focus is to simply continue the amazing work that is already underway. The ideals our Founders expressed in The Declaration of Independence present a challenge for us to be striving toward together. The American Village will continue to promote unity and responsible citizenship by teaching and inspiring all our guests.



Alan B. Miller

Col. Alan B. Miller
President and CEO, American Village Citizenship Trust

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



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE.

VOLUNTEERS

More than 120 men and women volunteer their time and service to help make your visit today enjoyable.

Please join us in thanking anyone wearing a red VOLUNTEER shirt!

REENACTORS, MUSICIANS, ENTERTAINERS & MORE

Lori Ardivino Harpsichordist, Independence Ball
Rita Allen USO Singer
Charlie Bell Alexander Hamilton
Karen Marie Black* George Anne Ballamy
Ronald Dauphinee Dr. Benjamin Franklin
John McGinnis Thomas Jefferson
Dan McMichael President George Washington
James Quakenbush JQ's One Man Band
Darrell W. Revel Mark Twain
Edward Stewart Young Philip Hamilton
Annesley Sreets Violinist, Independence Ball

1st Pennsylvania Regiment Continental Army
Reenactors

Voices of the Past

1st Hamilton Legion

The Colonial Consort

Lori Ardivino, Rick Ardivino, Katie York, Gabe Gannon

The Ain't Misbehavin' Band

Earl Norris, Arthur Deagon, Kelly Morgan, Bill Wildes, Debbie Simms, Rick Roper, Ken Lee, William Schneider, Bill Darden, Richard Humber, Ricky Niedermier, Franklin Bell, Marjorie Lee, Jenny Lee, Vincent Perry, Todd Morgan, Chad Thomas

Alabama Wildlife Center

Tickled Pink Petting Zoo

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 advice to suspend outdoor activities for 30 minutes after seeing lightning or hearing thunder.

OUR STAFF & SUPPORT TEAM

Jessica Averett, Michael Bass, Val Crofts, Andrew Davis, Timmi Epperson, Greg Farrell, Logan Ganey, Jennie Gregory, Mike Jones, Kittye Keener, Terry Lawley, Alan Miller, Kerri Pate, Melanie Poole, Phyllis Pyles, Natalie Steed, Jeff Stewart, Terilyn Stewart, Pete Walker, Jodie Wasyluka

Special thanks to: Steve Gilbert and CGS Entertainment, Montevallo Police Department, Shelby Co. Sheriff's Office, Montevallo Fire and Rescue Service, The Staff of Southern Sky Fireworks, Joe Ardivino and the Montevallo Community Band, and Thompson High School Air Force JROTC AL - 932, Air Warriors (providing parking assistance)

AMERICAN VILLAGE COSTUMED HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS

Amy Bell Caty Greene
John Dyess* Crime and Punishment
Nancy Moore Estes Dolley Madison
Angel Evans* Martha Washington
Gabe Evans* Patrick Henry
Rebecca Evans Eliza Hamilton
Jared Funderburg* Thomas Paine
Lesli Johnson Phillis Wheatley
James Kitchens Sinclair Swanson and John Adams
Chris Long Samuel Adams
Isaiah Pierce Philip Hamilton
Meredith Revel* Eleanor Calvert Custis
Noel Stewart Cecily Swanson

2023 JUNIOR INTERPRETERS

Iain Alcazar Alexander Hamilton, Jr.
Bishop Gilmore School of Etiquette
Adam Harlan School of Etiquette
Maggie Harrelson Young Patriot Spies
Ella Rose Heath School of Etiquette
Lucy Hubbard Young Patriot Spies
Holden McGraw Young Patriot Spies
Amanda Orr* The Liberty Tree
Anthony Pritchett School of Etiquette
Chloe Shaw* Kitty Clive (Puppet Show)
Emmy Stewart Angelica Hamilton

*Dances in the Independence Ball

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

Activities with Costumed Historical Interpreters

(most programs run 15 to 30 minutes)

Map Location

11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 6:00	Volley Fire and Battle Cry <i>Colonial Encampment</i>	U
11:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30.....	Thomas Jefferson <i>Assembly Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
11:30, 1:00, 2:30.....	Crime and Punishment <i>Courthouse</i>	S
11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00.....	Martha Washington <i>Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall</i>	M
11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30	Phillis Wheatley, “A Poet’s Journey” <i>Meeting House</i>	L
11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 4:00.....	The Liberty Tree <i>Founder’s Hall</i>	K
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00	Cecily & Sinclair Swanson’s School of Etiquette <i>The Barn</i>	Q
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00	Samuel Adams <i>12:00, 2:00 and 4:00 in Assembly Room – Washington Hall; 5:00 and 6:00 in the Colonial Chapel</i>	N/H
12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00.....	Visit with President George Washington <i>Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall</i>	M
12:00, 1:30, 3:0, 4:00.....	Puppet Show <i>Courthouse</i>	S
12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:00	Patrick Henry, “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!” <i>Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel</i>	H
12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 5:30, 6:30	Dolley Madison <i>Founder’s Hall</i>	K
12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30	Young Patriot Spies <i>12:00, 1:30 and 3:00 in the Meetinghouse; 4:30 and 5:30 in the Courthouse</i>	L/S
12:30, 2:30, 4:30	Mark Twain <i>Liberty Hall</i>	A
12:30, 2:00, 3:30	Thomas Paine <i>Courthouse</i>	S
12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00	Benjamin Franklin <i>Assembly Room – Washington Hall</i>	N
12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:30	Alexander and Eliza Hamilton <i>Meeting House</i>	L
12:30, 2:00, 3:00,.....	Eleanor Calvert Custis <i>Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall</i>	M
1:00, 2:30, 4:30, 6:00	Philip and Angelica Hamilton, “An Affair of Honor” <i>Founder’s Hall</i>	K
1:30, 3:30	Battle at the Bridge <i>Concord Bridge</i>	W
4:00, 5:00, 6:00	Catherine Greene: Wife of a Major General <i>Meeting House</i>	L

Music and Dance

It's Swing Time with the Ain't Misbehavin' Band

Dance with your sweetheart to the classic sounds of the Glenn Miller era. 1:00 and 3:15 in Liberty Hall (A on the map)

The Colonial Consort

A little woodwind music. 1:00, 2:00, 3:30 and 4:30 in the Colonial Chapel (H on the map)

JQ's One Man Swing Band

A swing music show! A one-man band performance at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 in the Barn (Q on the map)

The Independence Ball

A celebration in dance, music and song! 5:30 and 6:30 in Liberty Hall (A on the map)

The USO Veterans Canteen

Music and entertainment throughout the day in our canteen area for veterans in Estes Theatre (C on the map)

American Artisans

Please visit our artisan area (G on the map). Artisans who will demonstrate their craft and sell their products from 11:00 to 6:00 include:

David Willis, Honey	Courtney Davis, Soaps
Josh Howard, Metal	Larry Jarvis, Woodcrafts
George Jones, Brooms	Clyde Dutton, Metal
Fred Maybee, Woodcrafts	John Martin, Woodcrafts
Rhett Blackwell, Woodcrafts	Chris McElvaine, Pottery
Robin Griffin, Pottery	Dana Phillips, Soaps
Debbie Housner, F&D Farms	Mark Brady, Natural Products
Leana L'Hoste, Pottery	Melissa McMurray, Painting
Tonia Mayton, Jewelry/Glass	
Tim Tingle, Woodcrafts	

Children's Activities

Colonial Games

Play Stop and Go, Hoops, Trap Ball, and more!
11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 5:00, 6:00 at F on the map

Cornhole/Bag Toss

From 11:00 to 6:00 at F on the map

Alabama Wildlife Center

See live rescued birds and learn about them.
12:00 until 5:00 on Magazine Street (adjacent to K on the map)

Sign America's Founding Documents

Add your signature to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.
From 11:00 to 6:00 at F on the map

Do You Jenga?

Test your balancing skills with a friendly game of Jenga.
From 11:00 to 6:00 at F on the map

Can you Hula Hoop?

It looks easy, but can you keep the hoop spinning?
A half century after being introduced, some are still trying.
From 11:00 to 6:00 at F on the map

Patriotic Coloring Pages

Show off your coloring skills as you color in pages of our patriotic past.
From 11:00 to 6:00 at F on the map

Sidewalk Art for Independence

Draw what Independence Day means to you.
From 11:00 to 6:00 at F on the map

Face Painting

From 11:00 to 6:00 in the Artisan area (G on the map)

Selfies with Uncle Sam

Look for Uncle Sam throughout the day, take a picture with him and get a FREE American Flag!

Other Things to See and Do

Hessian Encampment – Y on the map

Tour the Randall Museum and Oval Office – 11:00 - 7:00 (J and O on the map)

Tour the National Veterans Shrine – 11:00 - 7:00 Please stop by and thank our veteran volunteers who are in the Shrine today. They are also helping to register veterans in our Veterans Register of Honor. (D on the map)

Tour the West Wing of Independence Hall – 11:00 - 7:00 Be transported back in time to the eve of Paul Revere's ride in Boston, April 1775. Enjoy an immersive experience learning about the causes of the American Revolution. From here, you can enter the theater and **see the film "Choosing to Be An American People"** which tells the story of Paul Revere's ride, the battles of Lexington/Concord, and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Show times are approximately every 30 minutes after 11am. (T on the map)

Tickled Pink Petting Zoo – 11:00 - 6:00 See goats, donkeys, sheep, and other farm animals. Get a chance to pet *and feed* the animals! E on the map

Catherine "Caty" Greene

Independent wife of a Major General

4:00, 5:00 and 6:00

Meeting House (L on the map)



Patrick Henry

"Give me liberty or give me death"

12:00, 1:30, 3:00 and 4:00

Colonial Chapel (H on the map)



Mark Twain

America's Storyteller

12:00, 2:30 and 4:30

Liberty Hall (A on the map)



Swanson's School of Etiquette

A lesson in 18th century manners & clothing

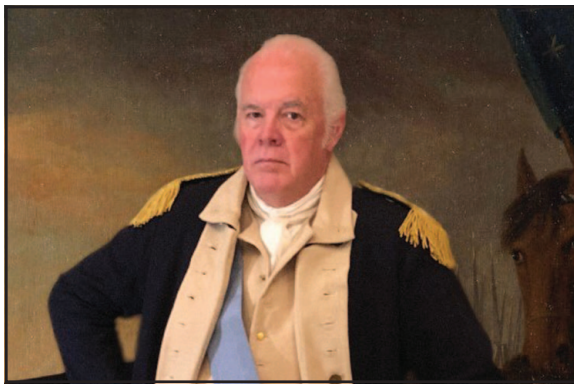
12:00, 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00

The Barn (Q on the map)



**Please join us again this summer
for more family-friendly fun!**

**Our summer program continues
Tuesdays-Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm
through July 29 (closed July 5)**



George Washington

Meet the "Father of our Country"

12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:00 and 6:00

Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

(M on the map)



Alexander and Eliza Hamilton

"Let me be part of your narrative"

12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:30

Meeting House (L on the map)



Samuel Adams

Revolutionary Founder

12:00, 2:00 and 4:00 in the Assembly Room

– Washington Hall (N on the map)

5:00 and 6:00 in the Chapel (H on the map)



Thomas Jefferson

11:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 5:30

Assembly Room – Washington Hall

(N on the map)

Don't miss our
FIREWORKS
by Southern Sky!

At twilight's last
gleaming
(approximately 9pm)

Dolley Madison

The delightful and influential First Lady

12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 5:30 and 6:30

Founder's Hall (K on the map)



The Battle at the Bridge

Colonials and Hessians

1:30 and 3:30 (weather permitting)

Concord Bridge (W on map)



Thomas Paine

The Times That Try Men's Souls

12:30, 2:00 and 3:30

Courthouse (S on the map)



Martha Washington

11:30, 1:00, 2:30 and 4:00

Mount Vernon Room - Washington Hall

(M on the map)



Phillis Wheatley: *A Poet's Journey*

11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30

Meeting House (L on the map)





You are Cordially Invited to **The Independence Ball**

A celebration in dance, music & song
5:30 and 6:30 Liberty Hall Ballroom
(A on the map)



Crime and Punishment

11:30, 1:00 and 2:30
Courthouse (S on the map)



Dr. Benjamin Franklin

Words from a wise sage of the Republic
12:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 5:00
Assembly Room – Washington Hall
(N on the map)



Volley, Fire & Battle Cry

11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 5:00 and 6:00
Colonial Encampment (U on the map)



Eleanor Calvert Custis:

Dressing Mount Vernon – Colonial Fashion
12:30, 2:00 and 3:00
Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall
(M on the map)

Independence Day 1776 Main Stage Evening Program

American Village Costumed Historical Interpreters Present:

“Choose Your George”

7:30 p.m.

Mr. John Adams

7:50 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson reads the Declaration of Independence

8:00 p.m.

The Montevallo Community Band presents a Patriotic Musical Prelude

8:15 p.m.

Dr. Joseph Ardovino, Director

8:30 p.m.

Masters of Ceremony ABC 33/40
Invocation, Washington’s Prayer for the Country President George Washington
Welcoming Remarks. . . . Col. Alan Miller, President and CEO, *American Village Citizenship Trust*
Presentation of the Colors. 1st Pennsylvania Regiment; 1st Hamilton Legion
Introduction of the Junior Interpreters Rebecca Evans
The Pledge of Allegiance. . Children in the audience*, led by Junior Interpreter Anthony Pritchett
The National Anthem The Montevallo Community Band
Salute to America’s Veterans accompanied by the Montevallo Community Band

A Patriotic Interlude

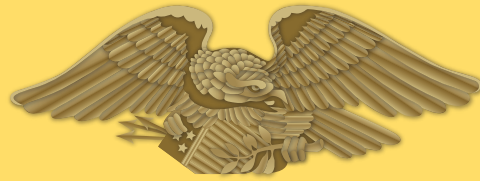
FIREWORKS by Southern Sky!

Grand Illuminations in celebration of America’s 247th Birthday, presented by Southern Sky.
(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 are best viewed directly in front of Washington Hall on Constitution Green.*

Please respect that golf cart rides are only for assisting those people with disabilities in returning to their vehicles.



Get Involved at the American Village!

Since 1999, the American Village has been committed to telling the amazing stories of America's revolutionary beginning, to encourage citizens to cherish the founding principles of our Nation and the timeless ideals of liberty, and to inspire our fellow Americans to serve our country as stewards of liberty.

While the American Village focuses heavily on the invaluable lessons of America's past, we are also constantly looking to the future. As we celebrate America's 247th Birthday this July 4th, we are excitedly planning for America's 250th Birthday in 2026 - just three short years away! New public events, educational programs and on-campus facilities are all being developed, and we need your help to make them a reality.

We invite you to get involved with the American Village as a volunteer, as a donor, or as an advocate for its mission. Together we can prepare a new generation of citizens and leaders to strengthen and renew the foundations of American liberty and constitutional self-government.

Volunteer ✨ Donate ✨ Advocate

Visit the American Village's website at americanvillage.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more.

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Junior Interpreter Class of 2023

BE A JUNIOR INTERPRETER

Each spring, students in grades 6 through 12 who are interested in performance and history may audition for our summer Junior Interpreter program. Those selected receive professional training and assist our educational interpreters in presenting the customs and times of the 18th century, including performing in various historical vignettes that you see today.

Auditions for next year's program will be held in February, 2024. Apply online at americanvillage.org, call Rebecca Evans at 205-665-3535 x 1048 or e-mail revans@americanvillage.org. The program is free, but participants are required to purchase their 18th century costume.



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- A** Liberty Hall
- B** Visitor Center and Seaman Plaza
- C** Estes Theatre
- D** National Veterans Shrine
- E** Farm Animal Petting Area
- F** Hands-On Children's Activities
- G** Artisan Area
- H** Colonial Chapel
- I** Liberty Bell Garden
- J** Randall Museum
- K** Founders Hall
- L** Meeting House
- M** Washington Hall - Mount Vernon Room
- N** Washington Hall - Assembly Room
- O** Oval Office
- P** Colonial Garden
- Q** Barn
- R** Trade Buildings / Middleton Garden
- S** Courthouse, Stocks and Pillory
- T** Independence Hall West Wing
- U** Colonial Encampment
- V** Battle at Concord Bridge Viewing Area
- W** Concord Old North Bridge
- X** Embattled Farmer Statue
- Y** Hessian Encampment
- Z** Freedom Trail (Military Monuments)

- First Aid / Paramedics
- Information Tent
- Restrooms



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