Strike up the band, inflate the balloons and add fringe to the floats…the Patriotic Parade is coming to town!

TUESDAY, JULY 4 • ESCORT PARADE - 8:30 A.M. • PATRIOTIC PARADE - 9 A.M.

The Parade Route
The parade steps-off at Hillpointe Road and Hills Center Drive, travels south on Hills Center Drive to Village Center Circle, then turns west onto Trailwood Drive ending at the Trails Village Shopping Center.
Shaping Memories

On the Fourth of July, approximately 35,000 spectators will line the streets of Summerlin to take in the dazzling display of The Summerlin Council Patriotic Parade. For many of our residents, the Patriotic Parade symbolizes a yearly tradition of celebrating our country in grand style. Truly, the parade has become an instrumental part of Summerlin’s community fabric—and the annual opportunity to create lasting memories with family and friends.

Now in its 23rd year, this year’s Patriotic Parade is set to continue its tradition of huge family fun and spirited, colorful patriotism with an exciting mix of entries presented on Tuesday, July 4 at 9 a.m. Debuting in 2017 are new floats “Moana’s Ocean Journey,” “Captain Jack’s Swashbuckling Adventure,” and “America: Standing Tall” featuring a spectacular Miss Stars and Stripes standing 15 feet high. Also joining the lineup are giant inflatable balloons “Troll-abration” and “Brachiosaurus: Jurassic Giant,” as well as a full-cast of mascots inspired by film and books including the Smurfs and Daniel Tiger.

Parade favorites such as the “All Star Salute to the Military,” “Dream Big with the Princesses,” “America’s Greatest Generation,” and “Ferris Bueller’s Independence Day Off” floats, as well as marching bands, performing groups and the iconic “American Eagle” balloon, will make return appearances this year. And, of course, the parade will be led by the “Patriotic Peddlers,” Summerlin’s young residents who decorate their bikes and cycle the parade route to kick off this annual celebration.

Events like the Patriotic Parade wouldn’t be possible without the tireless efforts of its large work force. More than 2,500 people participate in the parade and another 500 volunteers help with parade operations, collectively logging in countless hours to help ensure that the parade lives up to every spectator’s expectations.

The Summerlin Council Patriotic Parade has helped shape the community that Summerlin is today. We hope you are a part of this year’s extravaganza and it remains a part of your Independence Day memories for years to come.

PARADE 101

School may be out for summer, but “Parade 101” is now in session! To help ensure your best parade experience possible, please take note of these helpful event hints:

• Three Announcers Tents are located along the route (see parade map to the left). These areas feature additional entertainment elements and amplified sound for spectators’ enjoyment.

• Parking is limited the day of the parade. Carpool with friends, bike or even walk to the parade.

• Many spectators stake their viewing location along the route prior to the official parade start time. Be sure to arrive early to identify a great spot to view the event.

• The parade route is lined with grass so bring a chair, open an umbrella or lay out a blanket to enjoy the parade comfortably.

• Don’t forget it’s hot out there! To beat the heat, drink plenty of water (one cup every 15-20 minutes) even if you don’t feel thirsty, wear protective clothing and slather on sunscreen.

• Please be responsible with your children and keep them safe during the parade. Do not allow kids—or kids at heart—enter the parade route and approach entries during the event.

• Wear red, white, and blue to celebrate America and display your patriotism. Consider bringing a few decorations to make your viewing location extra-spirited!

Parade Courtesy Shuttle

A special Downtown Summerlin courtesy shuttle will run from 7 a.m. to noon on July 4. Residents and the general public can park at Downtown Summerlin and ride the shuttle to the parade start location. The shuttle departs from The Lawn at Downtown Summerlin and drops off at the 24-Hour Fitness parking lot near the parade route. This will make getting to and from the parade even easier and more convenient. Shuttle riders will have an opportunity to win gift cards and festive party items.
PARADE HOSTS

Grandstand Stage

Sherry Swensk
Weather Anchor, 8 News Now

Sherry Swensk wakes up TV viewers as the weather anchor for 8 News Now Good Day. After graduating from the University of Texas Arlington with a degree in Radio and Television, Sherry worked in Dallas, Fresno, Los Angeles and San Francisco before moving to Las Vegas in 1994. Outside of work, Sherry enjoys spending time with her family, serving on the board of the Southwest Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association and visiting schools to “talk weather” with kids.

Brian Loftus
Morning Anchor, 8 News Now

Brian Loftus joined the 8 News Now team in 2009 and is currently the morning news anchor. Brian earned a B.A. in English from the University of Iowa and Masters in Teaching from Loyola Marymount. After serving as a teacher and coach for many years, Brian made the jump to radio broadcasting and then to television in 2006. Brian is an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Cubs. He enjoys swimming, biking and spending time with his wife and two daughters.

Mix 94.1 Stage

JC Fernandez
Co-Host Mercedes in the Morning, Mix 94.1

JC can be heard weekdays as co-host of “Mercedes in the Morning” on Mix 94.1. JC was born and raised in Philadelphia and moved to Las Vegas in 1995 to attend UNLV. He instantly fell in love with the city and began working at Mix 94.1 after graduation. He is married with no kids, but does consider his chihuahua and his wife’s horse Contact to be part of the family. JC happily calls Summerlin home.

Mercedes
Mercedes in the Morning, Mix 94.1

Mercedes can be heard on “Mercedes in the Morning” every weekday on Mix 94.1 and seen on television as host of Las Vegas Now on KLAS Channel 8. She is a UNLV graduate, a proud Summerlin resident, and volunteers at various charities throughout the valley. Originally from Denver, Colorado, she has made Las Vegas her home since 1997. She is married with two daughters, loves Crossfit, and cheering for the Denver Broncos and New York Yankees.

2017 GRAND MARSHALS

Major General Glen D. VanHerck

Major General Glen D. VanHerck is Commander, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The Warfare Center functions as a team of innovative, highly skilled Airmen providing effective weapons, tactics and command and control integrated across air, space and cyberspace for the Joint Force Commander. General VanHerck was born and raised in Murray, Kentucky, and grew up in Bismarck, Missouri. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. General VanHerck has a diverse background that includes operational and training assignments in the F-15C as well as serving as an instructor pilot, flight examiner and U.S. Air Force Weapons School instructor.

Chief Master Sergeant Charles R. Hoffman

Chief Master Sgt. Charles R. Hoffman is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. As the senior enlisted leader, Chief Hoffman serves as the primary advisor to the commander on matters concerning mission effectiveness, readiness, training, health, morale and welfare of more than 11,000 Airmen. Chief Hoffman entered the Air Force in 1991. His diverse assignment background spans Air Force and Army field units and he has been deployed four times in support of Operations Joint Endeavor, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Task Force Able Sentry.
Order of the March

Escort Parade – 8:30 a.m.
- Palo Verde High School Air Force JROTC Color Guard
- Patriotic Peddlers
- City of Las Vegas
- Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske
- Judge Harter
- Hands of Melody Entertainment
- Summerlin Eagles Baseball
- Summerlin Seals
- Southern Nevada Living History Organization
- Clark County 4-H Clubs
- Las Vegas Valley Model A Ford Club
- Cadillac La Salle Club of Las Vegas
- Mustang and Classic Ford Club of Las Vegas
- King Solomon Lodge #58 F & AM
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Summerlin presents “The Summerlin Sam Spectacular”
- Downtown Summerlin presents “Vegas Vanguard Drumline”
- Par 3 Landscape Maintenance presents “An All-Star Salute to the Military”
- The Howard Hughes Corporation presents “Our American Eagle”
- Q.I. Security Services presents “Avengers: America’s Mighty Heroes”
- Mix 94.1 presents “Troll—abation”
- Pardee Homes presents “Music of America”
- McDonald’s presents “Ronald McDonald — Lovin’ It”
- Neon City Garrison
- Summerlin Hospital Medical Center presents “The Fourth Awakens”
- Palo Verde Cross Country – American Flag
- Station Casinos presents “America: Standing Tall”
- Palmer Electric presents “Grand Old Flag”
- Community Ambulance presents “America’s Greatest Generation”
- The Groundskeeper presents “Las Vegas Pipe Band”
- Nevada State Bank presents “A U.S.A. Birthday”
- Springs Preserve presents “Happy Birthday, America!”
- Egg Works and Egg & I Family Restaurants present “Danza Del Carrizo”
- Rotary Club of Las Vegas Summerlin
- Philippine American Association of Nevada
- Park Pro presents “Muppet Mayhem”
- The Summerlin Council presents “Dream Big with the Princesses”
- Happy 4th from Nevada Ballet!
- Guan Strong Lion Arts
- Precision Concrete Cutting presents “Lady Liberty”
- U.S.S. Nevada – Submarine Veterans Las Vegas Base
- Southern Nevada Military Vehicle Association
- Current Events presents “Captain Jack’s Swashbuckling Adventure”
- Suncoast Hotel & Casino presents “Start Your Engines”
- Pancho’s Mexican Restaurant presents “Fiesta on the Fourth”
- Palo Verde Football
- Southwest Medical presents “Palooza High School Marching Band”
- U.S. Forest Service — Smokey Bear
- Khavkin Clinic presents “Up, Up and Away with Daniel Tiger”
- Hanratty Law Group presents “Ferris Bueller’s Independence Day Off”
- Las Vegas High School Alumni Association
- Southwest Medical presents “Las Vegas High School Marching Band”
- Central Church
- Patriotic Santa
- City of Las Vegas presents “Frozen Fun”
- BrightView presents “A Smurfy Fourth of July”
- LandCare presents “Brachiosaurus: Jurassic Giant”
- The Summerlin Council presents “Moana’s Ocean Journey”
- The Ghostbusters of Las Vegas
- Victory Martial Arts presents “Who You Gonna Call?”
- Frijoles Grilled Tacos presents “Belle at the Enchanted Castle”
- “On the Go with Pokemon”
- Las Vegas Color Graphics presents “Aladdin’s Magic Carpet”
- Pirate Fest
- Celebrate Kids presents “Winnie the Pooh”
- Las Vegas 51s – Cosmo
- “Hats Off to America”
- Q.I. Security Services presents “Red, White and BOOM!”
- “That’s All Folks”

SUMMERLIN RESIDENT CHOICE AWARD

YOU’RE THE JUDGE! Summerlin residents—let your voice be heard and vote for your favorite Patriotic Parade entry from this year’s event. Online voting takes place July 4 – 15, 2017, at www.summerlink.com. Winners will be announced in the August issue of Summerlines. Vote as often as you like!

2016 Resident Choice Award Winner - American Legion Post 76

Be sure to take along this issue of FanFare to the Patriotic Parade to follow the entries and take note of your parade favorites for voting in the “Resident Choice Award” on www.summerlink.com.
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