

# Rededication of the Statue of Liberty

## 3 pm - Sunday, July 17th

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Please note that the date has been changed for the rededication of the Statue of Liberty. The rededication will be on Sunday July 17 at 3 pm following the Regatta and before the Duck Derby. If you haven't noticed, Bubba's Landscaping is working overtime to have the new retaining wall completed in time,

complete with lighting – thanks to Humphrey Electric. Today I received word that the plinth is ready and will be arriving on Monday. (A special thanks to Bill Fox for being at the ready to build a plywood base just in case the plinth wasn't ready in time).

The Garden Club has made arrangements with Pully's Farm Market to move several planters from his greenhouse to the base of the Statue. There is no question that this is a community project.

*The Democrat and Chronicle* article that was on the front page last Saturday, was phenomenal. (Just for clarification, it wasn't the LeRoy statue that had twenty coats of paint – it was another one.)

The program will start shortly after the Regatta and will last about half an hour. Please bring a lawn chair if you need a seat. Tom Cox has gathered a small group to sing some patriotic songs, with a solo by Pat Fussell "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" by Irving Ber-

lin. Pat's Fussell's granddaughter Kayla, will sing the National Anthem. Laura and Justin Williams will sing "Here I Stand" by Max Smith. Elizabeth Bolton will read "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, and four students, Jacob and Evan Williams and Erin and Emily Overacker will share some "Statue of Liberty Facts." A few certificates of recognition will be presented and finally our Statue of Liberty will be ready to look out over this community for another fifty years.

On Saturday, for the parade, we are inviting kids with their American flags - -take them off your front porch - - to march down Main Street with our Lady Liberty, Michelle Panepento and her daughter Anna. We're hoping for 50 kids at least. The more the merrier. Mom and dads can come too, but you have to carry a flag! Meet in the Boylan Law office yard on West Main Street and we'll find a place in the parade.

A couple of other notes. There are 100 special edition "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" T-shirts for sale - \$10 apiece. First come first serve. They're for sale at the Historical Society tent. (Which by the way is at the east end of Trigon Park this year because of the school construction.)

Next, there will be 50 commemorative Statue of Liberty ducks available for the duck derby. I'm still working out the details, but they will cost more than the usual ducks, but at the end of the derby, you can take your duck home as a souvenir.

Last, and certainly not least - - the Jell-O Gallery and the LeRoy House will be open during the Festival and there is no fee this weekend (although donations are welcome!) LeRoy House has an exhibit about the Statue of Liberty and the Boy Scouts that is interesting. If you need a break from the heat and the sun, come sit on the back porch of LeRoy House and enjoy the garden, or visit the air-conditioned Jell-O Gallery and do a little shopping in the museum shop.



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