

# ARLINGTON

4TH OF JULY

PARADE

MAY 12TH, 2005

*An informational newsletter  
for the community*

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*Arlington Fire Department is working with the Parade Association to provide the Ladder Arch that was provided in the 1996 and 2002 Parades. Thanks to Assistant Chief Alan Kassen for presenting this information at the May Board meeting.*

## Our Parade Theme

It's Still

a

Grand 'Old Flag

Thank You, Arlington,

For 40 Years

Of

Successful Parades

The dedication is a "THANK YOU" to all those who promote a spirit of patriotism, especially those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the Flag. The "Thank You" goes to Arlington, for contributing to 40 years of successful Independence day celebrations. Included in this "Thank You" are our sponsors and parade participants, as well as the spectators.

Volunteer with the Arlington 4th of July  
Parade Association  
Call 817-303-5700 Or go to our  
website at <http://www.arlington4th.com>  
Or speak to one of the parade officers at our  
next General Meeting.

## Meeting Schedule

MAY 19th

General Meeting

at

George W. Hawkes Central Library  
101 East Abram  
Arlington, 76010  
817-459-6900

1. Grand Marshals to be introduced.
2. Sponsors to be recognized.
3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place AISD  
T-SHIRT winners to be announced.

JUNE 16th

General Meeting

Hand Out Packets

JULY 4th

Parade

## AWARDS CEREMONY

Please make plans now to attend the 2005 Awards Ceremony following the Parade. ( More details to follow regarding the time.) The Parade Association is providing a new location this year to provide for a cooler atmosphere. The location is Knapp Heritage Park, 201 Front Street, located at the corner of Front and Pecan Streets. The shade trees will make a difference.

Make plans to attend now to receive your trophy!!!

**"The Star-Spangled Banner"  
-Francis Scott Key 1814**

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through  
the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly  
streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:  
'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has wiped out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued  
land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a  
nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics to our anthem during the War of 1812. On the night of September 13, 1814, Key watched as our country was under attack by the British Navy. Rockets and bombs burst throughout the night. As dawn broke, Key was stunned to see a battered but still flying American flag waving in the sunrise. So moved was Key that he wrote the poem that later became our National Anthem.

**The Parade Association  
Supports the  
National Anthem Campaign**

Learning and singing the "National Anthem" in school was just something you did. More than 70 percent of Americans learned the National Anthem during music time or music class while attending school. Recent polls show 61 % Americans do not know the words nor the purpose behind the Anthem. Music educators are being challenged to re-teach Americans the National Anthem, the meaning of the words, and to sing it proudly. Music education plays a significant role in preserving American and patriotic traditions and in passing American heritage from one generation to another. Become a part of this campaign. Learn the words and sing it proudly.

**ADDITION TO PARADE**

The Parade Association is adding an additional announcer stand at the corner of West and Abrams Streets. This will provide better coverage for the viewers.

**WE ENCOURAGE  
EVERYONE  
TO BRING YOUR FLAG!**



**Circle T Girl Scouts**

Circle-T Girl Scouts are providing Color Guards along the 2005 Parade Route

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