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**July 4, 2018**

## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweet Land of Liberty Parade Held in Downtown LaGrange**

*LaGrange, Ga. July 4, 2018* – The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Sweet Land of Liberty Parade was held in Downtown LaGrange this morning.



*Only kids 19 and younger are allowed to participate in the Sweet Land of Liberty Parade in Downtown LaGrange*

The City of LaGrange is proud of this Fourth of July tradition held in Downtown LaGrange every year.

On the Fourth of July, LaGrange celebrates our nation's independence by holding its annual kids-only parade. Only kids 19 and younger are allowed to participate and motorized vehicles are prohibited.

This year's grand marshals are our local law enforcement including LaGrange Police Detective Jeremy Jones, LaGrange Fire Department Deputy Chief Willie Bradfield, Troup County Sheriff's Deputy Stephanie Masuoka, and Troup County Fire Battalion Chief Gene Hogg. The theme of this year's 34<sup>th</sup> annual parade is 'Home of the Brave.'

LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton once again provided free Kona Ice for parade participants.

Parade participants assemble at Sweetland Amphitheater at Boyd Park, named for the parade founders, the late Annette and Jim Boyd. Sweetland Amphitheatre was also named to honor the LaGrange couple who were fiercely patriotic. Annette Boyd was affectionately known as the “Parade Lady.”



*Sweet Land of Liberty Parade Grand Marshals pictured from l-r: LaGrange Fire Department Deputy Chief Willie Bradfield, Troup County Sheriff's Deputy Stephanie Masuoka, LaGrange Police Detective Jeremy Jones, & Troup County Fire Battalion Chief Gene Hogg*

The parade is sponsored by the Junior Service League of LaGrange, Troup County Parks and Recreation Department, LaGrange-Troup Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, Sweetland Amphitheatre and LaGrange Rotary Club.



*Mayor Jim Thornton treated parade participants with a free Kona Ice*

For more pictures of today's Sweet Land of Liberty Parade – you can go to

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/blf9ox6zv750f05/AAB5ISf5-ZpJzNNhYvZIrU2Ya?dl=0>

Video of the entire Sweet Land of Liberty Parade is available on our LGTV Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/videos/1881299835225089/>

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