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37th Annual Sweet Land of Liberty Parade to be Held Saturday, July 3rd

LaGrange, Ga. June 17, 2021 – The 37th annual Sweet Land of Liberty Parade will be held Saturday, July 3th in downtown LaGrange.

Participants in the 2019 parade

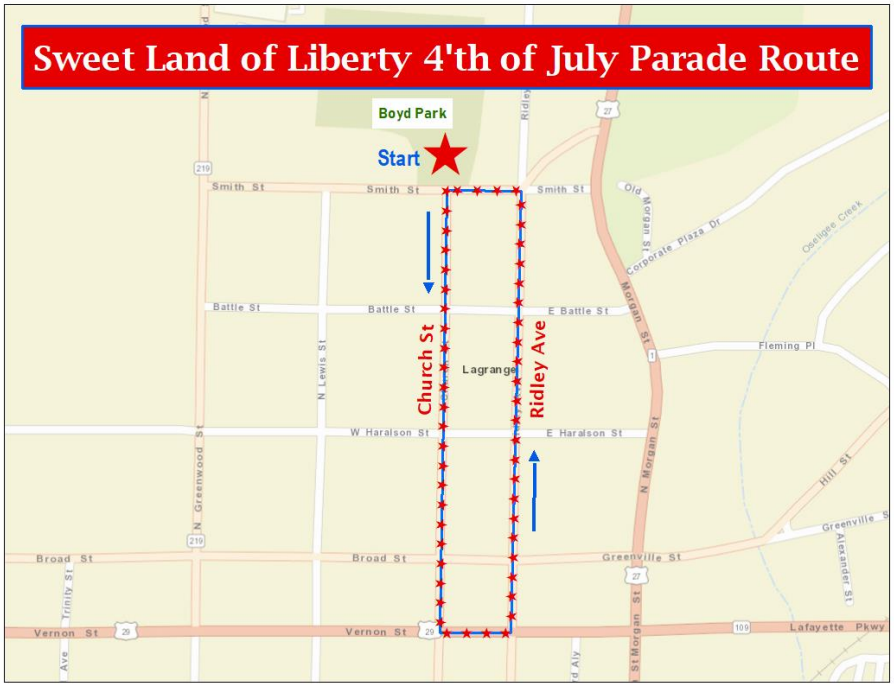
This year's theme is "Red, Wild & Blue." The event will honor the Jungle Bus, specifically Nicole Kennedy, also known as Jungle Jama, and Gail Gordon, also known as Reading Ranger.

"We chose Nicole and Gail as this year's grand marshals because we wanted to recognize their many contributions to our community, specially education and reading initiatives," said Junior Service League

Member and Sweet Land of Liberty Chairperson Allison Leslie. “We are happy to honor such wonderful leaders in our community.”

Only kids 19 and younger are allowed to participate and motorized vehicles are prohibited. Participation is always free and open to the public. Prizes include $300 (Grand Prize), $200 (1st Prize), $150 (2nd Prize) & $100 (3rd Prize).

The annual children’s parade is sponsored and staged by the Junior Service League of LaGrange. The parade was founded in 1985 by JSL member, the late Annette Boyd. She was fiercely patriotic and affectionately known as the “Parade Lady.”



Sweet Land of Liberty Parade Route

2019 Pat on the Back honorees

The parade was founded in 1985 by JSL member, the late Annette Boyd. She was fiercely patriotic and affectionately known as the "Parade Lady."

Students awarded the "Pat on the Back" award and the "Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty" awards will be honored. School counselors and teachers were asked to nominate two students, one boy and one girl, from the graduating senior class to receive the Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty awards respectively. School counselors and teachers were also asked to nominate two students, one boy and one girl, from 5th and 6th grades to receive the "Pat on the Back" Award. These are students who demonstrate good citizenship, patriotism, friendship, and generosity.

<u>Students Awarded the "Pat on the Back" include:</u>

5th Graders I'Keyrah Snow & Jordan Johnson from Berta Weathersbee Elementary School
5th Graders Zoe Molina & Justin Ponce-Escobedo from Callaway Elementary School
5th Graders Ariana Thrash & Karvez Willis from Clearview Elementary School
5th Graders Helen Abelardo-Domingo & Jose Castillo Herrera from Ethel Kight Elementary School
5th Graders Anani Nolasco-Padilla & Joshua Wallace from Franklin Forest

Elementary School
5th Graders Madison Leah Moody & Ezra Christopher Johnson from Hillcrest Elementary School
5th Graders Joselyn Martinez & Brody R. Storey from Hogansville Elementary School
5th Graders Molly Haralson & Andrew Terrell from Hollis Hand Elementary School
5th Graders Oaklie Humphries & Conner Cochran from Lafayette Christian School
5th Graders Lydia Dolinger & Grayson Salter from LaGrange Academy
5th Graders Paisley Lynch & Camien Jackson-Fears from Long Cane Elementary Schools
5th Graders Abigail Parham & Peyton Dykes from Rosemont Elementary School
5th Graders Kennedi Bolen & Terrell Sands from West Point Elementary School
6th Graders Sofia Flores & Tevin D. Mackfield from Callaway Middle School
6th Graders Isabelle "Ibby" Robertson & William "Cullen" Adams from Gardner Newman Middle School 6th Graders Sydney Snyder & Ayden Thornton from Lafayette Christian School
6th Graders Amatullah Fidahussein & Collier Baker from LaGrange Academy
6th Graders Ashlyn Williams & Caleb Martinez from Long Cane Middle School

Student Winners of the "Uncle Sam & Lady Liberty Awards":

12th Graders Andreaous Lonokapu & Kaliyah Brown from Callaway High School
12th Graders Emilie Ward & Cameron Elliott from Lafayette Christian School
12th Graders Silas Liechty & Zoie Mitchell from LaGrange Academy
12th Graders Tyler Murray & Kristen Myia Carter from LaGrange High School
12th Graders Emma Dallas & Austin Williams from Troup High School

LGTV will air the 2021 Sweet Land of Liberty Parade starting just before 10:00 a.m. live on its Facebook page www.facebook.com/LGTV.org.

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