



Here's where you want to be on July 3 and July 4!

On the cool, green slopes of Mt. Ascutney, is where most would want to begin this magical, two-day celebration in Brownsville! Here is where a mountain and a village burst out into the grand Independence Day festivities.

Starting at 6 PM on July 3, take in the views as mouth-watering aromas swirl through mountain-fresh air at Ascutney Outdoors. Enjoy an array of tasty delights by 4 diverse food vendors while anticipating the best, eye-popping fireworks display in the region. Get there early to ensure that you get to savor them all!

Here's what's in store for your palate! The local Moonlighters will be serving up their all-time favorite hot dogs, hamburgers and fries, Wicked Awesome BBQ will provide finger-lickin' good barbeque and sides. Throughout the evening as well, the perennial AJ's Fried Dough and Lazy Cow Ice Cream will be serving up their tongue-tingling delights. Please note, barbeques are prohibited on July 3rd anywhere on the mountain or the parking area. And, here's a link to Ascutney Outdoors' BYOB policy ... <https://www.ascutneyoutdoors.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/BYOB-policy-revised-2.1.2020.pdf>

Streaming into the night will be the music of the Fire House Dixie Land Band. For the evening's finale, there will be the spectacular fireworks display by Northstar Fireworks of East Montpelier, Vermont.

The next morning on July 4th, come down to Brownsville Village where the Outreach Committee of the Brownsville Community Church will be serving an abundant community pancake breakfast from 8:30 until 10. And, there will be a Community Barn Dance in the church's Tribute Park Pavilion for all ages & abilities from 10:30 until noon where you can work to regain your appetite for lunch.

From 10 until 3, folks can wander over to the Town Hall where crafty vendors will be selling their wares, various local groups will be providing important & helpful information. And the Friends of the Mary L. Blood Library will be holding their popular book sale.

Outside of Town Hall there will be the aroma of luscious foods cooking on grills and in a wood fired oven. At that point, an appetite for lunch might be building. The Moonlighters will have

come off the mountain to serve their grilled goodies and American Pie of Ludlow will be offering an array of toppings on their delicious wood-fired pizzas. And, for dessert, the West Windsor Fast Squad will be serving their fruit delights and the West Windsor Historical Society will be holding an Ice Cream Social for all to enjoy at The Grange.

Music by the Firehouse Dixieland Band will once again entertain everyone until the highlight of the day begins at 1:30, when the Grand Independence Day Parade will process down the hill on the Brownsville Hartland Road. In this great big, small town parade, there will be decorated floats, Shriner's Clowns antics on their little "trykes", great big fire trucks from all over the region, antique cars, local law enforcement, decorated bicycles and proud marchers, too. A cash prize will be awarded to each of three float categories. There will also be a fire truck award being given by the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Department. Note that the Brownsville Hartland Road will be closed to all through traffic starting at 1:00.

If you are interested in volunteering on the 3rd, contact Bill Ley. If you can volunteer on the 4th or would like to participate in the parade, contact Mark Isenberg. These folks can be reached by emailing BrownsvilleIDC@gmail.com.

This annual celebration is all made possible by generous donations from IDC Business Sponsors, individuals and the Town of West Windsor! Your support of the Independence Day Celebration is greatly appreciated by all. Donations by check, payable to the Brownsville IDC, should be mailed to: Brownsville IDC, PO Box 37, Brownsville, VT 05037 **OR**
<https://fundrazr.com/BrownsvilleIDC>

Tickets for the first Ascutney Outdoors & Brownsville Independence Day Celebrations 50/25/25 Fundraiser Raffle have been on sale since May so the prize is growing! This raffle will benefit Ascutney Outdoors at 25%, Brownsville Independence Day Celebrations at 25% and one LUCKY WINNER at 50%! Tickets will be available at the July 3 events at the AO Center and at the Independence Day festivities in town on July 4. The drawing will immediately follow the Gala Parade on July 4th & you don't need to be there to win!

A big "Thank You" to all our business sponsors, individual donors, the town of West Windsor, Ascutney Outdoors, First Responders from West Windsor / Windsor and all the volunteers for making this community celebration possible!

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