

4th of July Parade and Fireworks Committee

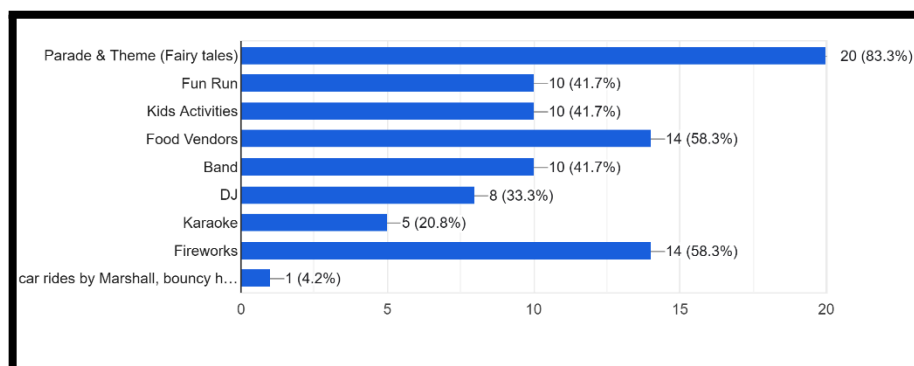
2024 was another successful July 4th celebration. The Fairy Tale theme was a hit; we had over 30 floats participated, motorized, non-motorized, and horses. The Green Mountain flyover was a delightful surprise during the parade. Fifteen vendors, mostly food, were there for the day, evening, or both. This year's Fun Run had about 250 participants and is always a good time with all ages participating. The free kids' offerings expanded in 2024 with thanks to local business donations and wonderful support from the volunteers at Richmond Halloween on the Green! The kid's area is a well-oiled machine with games, prizes, and the famous misting tent to cool off attendees. Karaoke continues to be a popular addition and had a good mix of adults and kids. The DJ and the Richmond Community Band were well received. Fireworks were a big draw, but the committee heard feedback that they were actually too long this year with the Grand Finale lasting 3x as long.



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OF JULY



CELEBRATION: 2024 SURVEY



RESULTS:

The 2025 Celebration is shaping up to be a lot of fun. We asked all of you what would be a great theme and what you would like to see for the 4th of July Celebration in 2025 and here is what you said:

1. **The Parade Theme is Heros** - Whatever "Hero" means to you! Firefighter, nurse, road crew, superhero, pizza chef...
2. More food vendors at night, many sold out
3. The Fun Run needs flaggers at the main intersection and radios
4. Garbage Support - Harlan Stockwell needs an apprentice, he's the only one to empty during the day

Thank you to the Town of Richmond for their support to continue to make this celebration a success. This amazing celebration that has been a hallmark of our community for more than 40 years is able to continue due to the support and collaboration of and the dedicated volunteers who created the event, the Town of Richmond, the Hinesburg and Richmond Police Department, generous donations from business and individuals and all of the volunteers, participants, floaters, singers, runners, business sponsors, vendors, and most importantly, the children who made this summer celebration of our community a great success. We look forward to a great 2025 Celebration with all of you!

We are always welcoming volunteers and ideas. Please email us at paradeandfireworks@gmail.com or visit the **Town of Richmond website** and look for us under "Boards and Meetings!" Applications for Vendors are open now!

