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## **Parade, block party to highlight Kennebunk Bicentennial Celebration in 2020**

KENNEBUNK – The Town of Kennebunk will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a parade, community block party and more on June 27, 2020, in downtown Kennebunk.

“It’s our goal as a committee to bring this milestone anniversary celebration to the streets of Kennebunk, for the people of Kennebunk,” said Kathy Ostrander Roberts, chairman of the town’s Bicentennial Committee. “We plan to celebrate our community pride and recognize our town’s history with all of the many activities we have planned.”

To date, there are plans to have a parade on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, complete with floats, antique cars and marching bands, followed by a community block party on Main Street that evening, which will include a series of tables running the entire length of Main Street, live music, entertainment and more.

Some of the other things being planned include:

- A bicentennial quilt
- A time-capsule
- Patriotic bunting, decorations, flower plantings and banners
- A KHS student scholarship
- An interactive history map
- Costumed history interpreters
- Plein air art demonstration and sale
- Designation of a new Historic Register District to commemorate the freed slave settlement of Kennebunk
- Art installations in all three villages
- Commemorative bicentennial stamp and first day cancel event
- A bicentennial coin
- Publication of a commemorative bicentennial booklet
- Special bicentennial souvenirs

The town’s Bicentennial Committee has been meeting to plan the celebration. The committee is made up of seven voting members, two alternate members, two staff liaisons, two Selectmen liaisons, director of the Brick Store Museum and the director of the Chamber of Commerce. Several sub-committees have also been formed to spearhead different aspects of event planning.

Sponsorships are available for the event by contacting the Kennebunk Town Clerk's office at 207-604-1326 or [bicentennial@kennebunkmaine.us](mailto:bicentennial@kennebunkmaine.us).

The committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Town Hall and welcomes ideas and suggestions. Volunteer opportunities are available as well.

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