

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where & when is the event?

The Link Plaza, 6750 Baker Blvd, Richland Hills. Monday, July 4, 9:00 AM – 12 Noon.

Who may attend?

Everyone! The event is FREE and open to the public.

Is there an admission fee?

No, the event is FREE including parade entry.

What happens if it's raining on July 4?

Luckily, we have the ability to move most of the event activities inside The Link, although we can't accommodate them all. The parade may be delayed or cancelled based on current conditions. Updated information will be posted on our website and social media sites.

How can I participate in the parade?

Parade entry is FREE and open to the public. We do ask that all entries register in advance so we can be sure to accommodate everyone. You may register at The Link customer service desk or TheLinkRec.com/red-white-you.

Where do I go to line-up for the parade?

Please check-in with staff at the corner of Ash Park Dr/Latham Dr. We will give you a number to put on your parade entry and direct you to the parade line.

What time does the parade start and how long will it last?

The parade starts at 9:00 AM and will last approximately 30-45 minutes depending on the amount of parade entries.

Where is the best place to watch the parade?

On the south side of <u>Baker Blvd</u> between Ash Park Dr and Matthews Dr or on the west side of **Matthews Dr** between Baker Blvd and City Hall.

Where can I park?

Limited parking is available on-site at The Link and City Hall. Overflow parking is available at Richland Hills Baptist Church at 6852 Baker Blvd and Ranshu at 6642 Baker Blvd.

What roads will be closed for the parade and when?

<u>Latham Dr</u> from Ash Park Dr to Scruggs Park Dr and <u>Ash Park Dr</u> from Baker Blvd to Latham Dr will be closed July 4, 7:15 AM - 9:15 AM for the parade line-up. <u>Baker Blvd</u> from Ash Park Dr to Rufe Snow Dr and <u>Matthews Dr</u> from Baker Blvd to Park Place Dr will be closed July 4, 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM (approximately) for the parade. Roads will re-open following the parade.

When and where is the patriotic ceremony?

The patriotic ceremony is in The Link Pavilion following the parade at approximately 10 AM. It includes the presentation of colors, singing of the National Anthem and the official kick-off of the event.

How much does it cost to participate in event activities?

All activities are free.

Will food be available?

Yes. Hot dogs, popcorn, ice pops and water will be available for FREE on a first come, first served basis.

What should I bring?

Definitely, your friends and family and your patriotic spirit! Lawn chairs or blanket to watch the parade and/or band. (Limited seating is available.) Snacks or drinks if you prefer. (Alcohol is prohibited and no glass containers please.)

Where do I take my donations and letters for Support Our Soldiers?

Please deliver them to The Link customer service desk or The Link Booth at the event.

Who can participate in the Cops & Bobbers Fishing tank?

Because space and time is limited, Cops & Bobbers is for children 12 & under. Be sure to register for a time slot to go fishing so instead of standing in line to wait to fish, you can go do other activities and then come back at your allocated time to fish! Adults are welcome to accommodate and assist their young anglers.

Can I bring my dog?

Sure, but we don't recommend it. Our events can be crowded at times and there will be loud noises including the band, vehicles and other activities. If you do decide to bring Fido, please make sure he is on a leash and you bring water to keep him hydrated.

Where can I go to watch fireworks?

The city partners with the Northeast Chamber of Commerce and other area cities to host a firework show. It is Monday, July 4, 9:30 PM – 10:00 PM. FREE parking is available at Wiley G. Thomas Coliseum, 6108 Broadway Ave, Haltom City and BISD Plaza, 6351 Blvd 26, North Richland Hills. In the event of inclement weather, the fireworks show will be rescheduled to July 5. For more information, visit netarrant.org

What if I have more questions?

Call The Link at 817-616-3738. If we don't know the answer, we will find it for you!