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**Celebrate our nation's independence in Hampton**

**Hampton, VA** - Independence Day celebrations have taken place in the U.S. since the Continental Congress declared America's sovereignty in 1776. Hampton played a significant role in the nation's fight for independence. In 1775, British ships attacked the Virginia Navy ported at Hampton and were repelled by local militia troops. Thomas Jefferson reported that the Battle of Hampton "raised our country into a perfect frenzy" and galvanized Virginians' support for declaring independence from the British Empire.

To mark the country's victory and fresh start as its own nation, jubilees, parades, gatherings and more were used as a symbol to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This year is no different. Celebrate the Fourth of July holiday in Hampton with the following patriotic events and festivities. Several events will take place this week and over the weekend.

For a full calendar of events, go to [visithampton.com](http://visithampton.com).

**[Music By The Bay Summer Concert - USAF Heritage of America Band](#)**

**Thursday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
20 Ingalls Road Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va 23651  
Free and open to the public**

Bring your own picnic, chairs, and blankets to enjoy summer sunsets by the Chesapeake Bay along with the sweet sounds of some of the region's most talented performers. This week, the whole family can enjoy patriotic music by the USAF Heritage of America Concert Band as well as pop, jazz, R&B, rock and more. The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band has a rich history of inspiring hearts and minds while building and sustaining American patriotism.

Large groups are welcome, please drop-off at Continental Park bus parking at Outlook Beach parking lot. The venue has free parking onsite. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Fort Monroe Theatre located at 41 Tidball Road.

**[July 4th at the Finch](#)**

**Friday, July 1-Monday, July 4 12:00 p.m.-12:00a.m.  
Oozlefinch Beer and Blending, 81 Patch Road, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va  
23651**

**Free and open to the public**

This weekend will be full of patriotic fun for both adults and kids at Oozlefinch! There will be two new beer releases, a bomb-pop inspired fro-beer, water balloon fights, a movie night, sparklers and more!

**Makers Market Featuring Sly Clyde Ciderworks and Peninsula Markets**

**Saturday, July 2, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**207 E Mellen Street Hampton, Va**

**Free and open to the public**

Star-Spangled Makers Market – Peninsula Markets and Sly Clyde Ciderworks are partnering for the Makers Market in Hampton. The event will feature 30+ handmade vendors, food trucks and live music.

**Clubtails Race Night | VA Sprint Car Series at Larry King Law's Langley Speedway**

**Saturday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

**Larry King Law's Langley Speedway, 3165 N Armistead Ave, Hampton, Va 23666**

**Adults \$15, Children \$7**

Race on over to Larry King Law's Langley Speedway on July 2 for their VA Sprint Car Series and Independence Day concert featuring the Cody Christian Band. Come out to see the best-in-show VA sprint cars, modifieds, twin super streets, twin ucars and karts while also enjoying a FREE post race performance. Visit [www.langley-speedway.ticketleap.com](http://www.langley-speedway.ticketleap.com) for tickets.

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