

Portland/UMBT 7th Annual July 4th Parade & Fireworks

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UMBT / PORTLAND - The 7th Annual July 4th Parade & Fireworks were celebrated over the 4th of July weekend. Fireworks kicked off the July 4th weekend on Saturday, July 1 at the Community Park located at 1535 Potomac Street in Upper Mount Bethel, the annual fireworks display (their biggest display ever!) Food trucks, ice cream, wineries, and breweries, along with patriotic music. The Slate Belt Chamber held a raffle for a huge gift basket That raised over \$700 for the chamber. The event is sponsored by Lamtec and Custom Laminating and hosted by the Upper Mount Bethel Parks and Recreation Committee.

The 7th annual 4th of July Parade started at 11:00AM. on Saturday traveled through parts of Portland and Upper Mount Bethel. Entered decorated patriotic cars, decorated houses and front and lawns were all part of the celebration.

Prizes were awarded to the best decorated car, tractor, van, or truck in the parade and to the best decorated homes that fell within the parade route.

