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New history book celebrates 'Brattleboro on Parade'

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A new book, set to go on sale Nov. 9, will celebrate the town's history through photos of local marches, cavalcades, and protests.

Brattleboro on Parade, a 104-page paperback, features images from the Brattleboro Historical Society. The book looks at parades as far back as horse-drawn Valley Fair carriages in 1889 and as recently as the current "By the People: Brattleboro Goes Fourth" Independence Day parade.

12 In between, the book pictures historic events, including
13 presidential visits, local troops departing for World War I and II,
14 nearly a century of Brattleboro Union High School Alumni
15 Parades, and the school band's appearances at the Macy's
16 Thanksgiving Day Parade and the inauguration of President
17 Barack Obama.

18 The pictorial also documents the 1939 local debut of
19 *The Wizard of Oz*, the 1953 move of St. Michael's Episcopal
20 Church to its present site, and the 1982 ticker-tape homecoming
21 for World Cup-winning cross-country skier Bill Koch.

22 The book, with text by local writer Kevin O'Connor, is
23 timed to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration
24 of Independence on July 4, 2026.

25 It will debut on Sunday, Nov. 9 at a Brattleboro Historical
26 Society program on local parades at 2 p.m. at the Municipal
27 Center at 230 Main St. Copies will be available at the event for
28 \$20 cash or check (no credit cards) to benefit the society's
29 preservation efforts.

30 The paperback will then be on sale at four local
31 Brattleboro book sellers: Everyone's Books, 25 Elliot St. (which
32 will offer an online ordering option); ByWay Books, 399 Canal
33 St.; Book Lovers, 49 Flat St.; and Lost Time Books, 51 Main St.

34 For more information, people can email
35 brattleborogoesfourth@gmail.com.

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