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*This is the first year I will be able to go to a July 4th celebration just for the sheer pleasure of enjoying the day rather than an event where I'm in charge! And, there are so many to choose from as there is a lot of celebrating of our country going on in Monmouth County over the course of four days!*

*Just remember what we are celebrating--take a moment to read [The Declaration of Independence](#). For years, the Borough of Freehold in N.J. has offered the opportunity to read it aloud to volunteers on July 4th in front of the Hall of Records (30 Mechanic Street). It's an emotional experience and reinforces how lucky we are to live in the United States.*

*Thanks to Diane Oliver, State [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) Regent. She helped me track three of my family lines that fought in the Revolutionary War and I am now officially in the DAR. It seems to be my DNA that makes me cry every time I celebrate on July 4th and each time I hear the Star Spangled Banner. (When we were in Africa for the 20th anniversary of [Sylvia's Children](#), our 50-piece brass band played the Star Spangled banner which brought tears of joy to my eyes!)*

***Happy 4th of July!!!***



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