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Fun, fellowship and the Fourth of July

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Independence Day tradition continues

Once again, the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands organized a great 4th of July parade and carnival for our community.

Newly elected Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings served as Monday's parade Grand Marshal, while other notable dignitaries were in also attendance, including Marine Corps Major General James Williams.

The Lake Highlands community lined Church Road wearing their patriotic red, white, and blue to watch the numerous colorful floats, cars, and adorable kids riding bikes, tricycles and being pulled in wagons.

Reminding the attendees what the holiday is really about, the LH Military Moms rode in cars holding pictures of their children who serve overseas.

The Lake Highlands Early Childhood PTA (LHAECPTA) took home the award for Best Float.

"The LHAECPTA really enjoys participating in the July 4th parade and carnival," said Monique Callagy, president of the group.

"The Exchange Club's July 4th parade and carnival is a great way to bring the Lake Highlands community out to celebrate, and we're proud to be a part of that."

Exchange Club member Adam Meierhofer was grateful for the help of event sponsors.

"We really appreciate Ebby Halliday Realtors, the Jerry Allen campaign and the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department for all of their help in making this year the most successful year ever," said Meierhofer, who serves as the club's Director of Americanism and Citizenship.

Following the parade, the family friendly carnival didn't disappoint.

There was no shortage of fun for the kids.

From face painting to balloon animals, everyone stayed entertained.

For those who wanted a cooler environment, bounce houses were set up inside the newly renovated recreation center.

The crowd was entertained with music from Bluestem Grass Band, while local restaurants like Eat the World sold hot dogs and hamburgers.

"I heard several people say this was the first time their family had been to the parade and that they really enjoyed all the games and festivities," said Meierhofer, "but even more great was the sense of community they felt with other Lake Highlands families."

First time attendee Priscilla Ross was pleased with the event.

"We really enjoyed ourselves. The carnival was fun, and it's a nice outing for the kids. We look forward to attending again next year."

Another record breaking event, sponsored by the Exchange Club, equals another successful, family friendly event for the Lake Highlands Community!

To see more photos from the parade and carnival, visit the [LH Today Photo Gallery](#).

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