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Hillsboro Rotary Club Announces 2026 Fourth of July Parade Theme & Grand Marshal

“Hillsboro Turns 150: A Star-Spangled Celebration” Honors Community Tradition and Local Legacy

HILLSBORO, Ore. — The Hillsboro Rotary Club is proud to announce the return of the community’s beloved Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in downtown Hillsboro.

This year’s theme — “Hillsboro Turns 150: A Star-Spangled Celebration” — commemorates the City of Hillsboro’s sesquicentennial and celebrates the people, traditions, and community spirit that have shaped Hillsboro for generations.

The Club is also honored to announce longtime educator, coach, and community leader Scott Kellar as the 2026 Grand Marshal.

A lifelong Hillsboro resident born at Tuality Hospital in 1967, Kellar has dedicated more than 35 years to education, mentorship, and youth development. A graduate of Glencoe High School and Western Oregon State College, he returned to Hillsboro in 1997 to help open Century High School, where he continues to serve as a School-to-Career Specialist and Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Over nearly three decades at Century, Kellar has helped guide generations of students toward successful futures while building one of the region’s most respected basketball programs. During his coaching career, he surpassed 400 career victories and was named Pacific Conference Coach of the Year this past season.

Beyond the classroom and court, Kellar has partnered with the Hillsboro Rotary Club’s scholarship program for more than 27 years, helping connect students with vocational training and higher education opportunities.

“Scott Kellar represents the very best of Hillsboro,” said Bartt Brick, President of the Hillsboro Rotary Club. “His lifelong commitment to students, families, and our community reflects the spirit of this year’s

celebration. As Hillsboro marks 150 years, we are proud to recognize someone who has helped shape the lives of so many people in our city."

"The Hillsboro Fourth of July Parade has always been part of our family tradition," said Kellar. "We gathered every year at 9th and Main to celebrate our community together. My parents would be incredibly proud, and my entire family is honored to be part of this year's celebration."

The July 4 festivities will also feature the Hillsboro Rotary 5K Run and Kids Dash, allowing families and community members to kick off Independence Day before the parade begins. Proceeds from the events support the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Hillsboro and its charitable and scholarship initiatives throughout the community.

Community members, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to participate in this year's historic celebration through parade entries, sponsorships, volunteering, or attendance.

Parade, 5K Registration & Event Information

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