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2018 Kenilworth Independence Day Parade

Kenilworth celebrates our nation's freedom with our 45th Annual Independence Day Parade. "Home Sweet Home" is our 2018 parade theme.

The parade rolls at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, and is sponsored by the Kenilworth Civic Association (KCA). Thousands of spectators enjoy this event, showered with beads, trinkets, and candy by the many parade participants as all celebrate our nation's birthday.

Kenilworth's 2018 Resident of the Year is Paul Sicard, long-time parade chairman, past Luminary chair, and former KCA Board Member.

The Grand Marshal of the 2018 parade is Jay Ducote, celebrity chef and food blogger, and also a proud resident of Kenilworth.

"Kenilworth is honored to have the opportunity to celebrate all members of the military and uniformed public service that protect our freedoms both abroad and at home," said KCA President Aaron Keating.

The parade includes a festive mix of local civic groups, military and veteran's groups, bands, and political and government organizations celebrating Independence Day. The parade runs along Kenilworth Parkway; it begins and ends at Kenilworth Science & Technology School, on Boone Drive just east of Kenilworth Parkway.

Information on the Parade, including a map of the parade route, is available on the KCA website at:

<http://www.kenilworthneighborhood.com>



2018 Kenilworth Resident of the Year:

Paul Sicard

The Kenilworth Civic Association is happy to honor longtime resident Paul Sicard for his many years of work for the Kenilworth neighborhood and on the Kenilworth parade.

Paul and his wife Barbara moved to Kenilworth in 1994. Their son Peter, then one, took his first steps in the house a week later. Paul and Barbara accompanied their children Peter, Sarah, and Elizabeth with the Cub Scout and Kenilworth Swim Team floats in the parade before Paul joined the parade committee. Paul has served on the KCA Board, was past KCA webmaster, and chaired the Christmas Luminaries for several years, in addition to his long-time service as Chair or Co-Chair of the Independence Day Parade.

Paul is the Probabilistic Risk Assessment engineer for Entergy's River Bend nuclear plant in St. Francisville. He previously served in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Directorate on the staff of Admiral Hyman Rickover. He is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, with BS degrees in Physics and Nuclear Engineering and Master's degrees in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering. He grew up in New Bedford, MA. Paul is a former Boy Scout leader and serves as a Unit Commissioner for Istrouma Area Council. He is his RPI Alumni Class Secretary, Treasurer for the Louisiana Nuclear Society, and active with St. Jude Knights of Columbus and with the Krewe of Mid-City in New Orleans. He organizes the yearly Scout nuclear science day workshops held at River Bend, and serves as a judge at local science fairs, including at Kenilworth Science & Technology school.

Barbara and Paul have been married for 28 years. Barbara, a New Orleans native and UNO graduate, teaches middle school math at St. Jude elementary school. She had been seamstress for the band while Peter, Sarah, and Elizabeth had all played in the Catholic High School marching band. She is a former Girl Scout leader and is active in the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Peter is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and is an electrical engineer at Entergy's River Bend plant, and earned his Eagle Scout rank from St. Jude's Troop 103. Sarah and Elizabeth both attend LSU. Sarah is a National Merit Scholar and rising senior majoring in computer science. Elizabeth, a rising junior, is majoring in Wildlife Ecology and plays clarinet in Tiger Band. They are all happy and proud to have lived in our great Kenilworth neighborhood.



2018 Parade Grand Marshal: Jay Ducote.

Jay Ducote spends most of his time as a food and beverage writer, blogger, radio host, speaker, video producer, culinary personality, chef and hugger. He finished runner-up on Season 11 of the hit reality competition show Food Network Star, and had a pilot for his show "Deep Fried America" air on the Travel Channel. The Bite and Booze Radio Show, produced and hosted by Ducote since 2011, won a Taste Award for best food or drink radio broadcast in the country and the Uniquely Louisiana Award from the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters. Jay has his own Jay D's product line featuring his Louisiana Barbecue Sauce, Louisiana Molasses Mustard, Spicy & Sweet Barbecue Rub, Jay D's Blanc du Bois, a collaboration with West Monroe's Landry Vineyards, and Jay D's Single Origin Coffee. In early 2018 Jay will launch his first restaurant concept, Gov't Taco, inside White Star Market in Baton Rouge. Jay's mission is to share and expand on the conversation of Louisiana cuisine and to celebrate the culinary culture of communities he visits.

Jay is the son of Phyllis and Jere Ducote and grew up on nearby Wylie Drive before moving to Sugarland, TX, while in elementary school. He returned to Baton Rouge to attend LSU in 1999, where he learned to cook on grills, smokers, outdoor fryers, and cast-iron cauldrons while throwing tailgate parties for LSU football games. Jay graduated from LSU with a BA in economics and political science and a minor in business in 2004. He earned a MA in political science from LSU in 2007.

Jay moved back to Kenilworth after finishing grad school. He taught math and coached baseball at Lee High for two years. He currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Council for the LSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences, on the Advisory Board for the Louisiana Culinary Institute, as a St.Jude Children's Hospital Culinary Council Member, and on the board of the American Red Cross Capital Area chapter.

