

# The Alderman Newsflash

The newsletter by the residents, for the residents July 2016

## Weird Fun facts about the 4th of July

By Avery Jackson

1. Adams wrote that July 2, the date the Second Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Britain, not July 4, the date Congress' president John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, should be "the great anniversary Festival."

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America," Adams wrote on July 3, 1776. "It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews,

2. Three of America's first five presidents died on Independence Day. John Adams, the second president, Thomas Jefferson the third president, and James Monroe, the fifth president all died on July 4. The 30th president, Calvin Coolidge, was born on the Fourth of July in 1872.

3. After one month, 15 miles of trenches, countless battles, near-constant bombing, Confederate Gen. John Pemberton surrendered to Union forces at Vicksburg, Miss. That surrender, on July 4, 1863 would mark a turning point in the Civil War, when the scales tipped in the North's favor.

The town of Vicksburg refused to celebrate the Fourth of July for the next 81 years.

4. In 1870 Congress made the Fourth of July an official holiday, nearly 100 years after the signing and despite the widespread celebrations that had been ringing in America's birthday since the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.





# Fouth of July Night

By Carl Sandburg



The little boat at anchor in black water sat murmuring to the tall black sky  
 A white sky bomb fizzed on a black line.  
 A rocket hissed it's red signature into the west.  
 Now a shower of Chinese fire alphabets,  
 A cry of flower pots broken in flames,  
 A long curve to a purple spray, three violet balloons---  
 Drips of seaweed tangled in gold, shimmering symbols of mixed numbers,  
 Tremulous arrangements of cream gold folds of a bride's wedding gown---  
 A few sky bombs spoke their pieces, then velvet dark.

**Have you ever gotten to touch a Puffer Fish?**

**Have you seen a Sea Horse up close?**



**Join us on the Boat Tours and Marina Walks!  
Who knows what you will get to see!**

## August Birthdays

**John Fries - Aug 4**

**Bette DeLuccia- Aug 9**

**Joan Larkin - Aug 9**

**Randy Richardson - Aug 23**

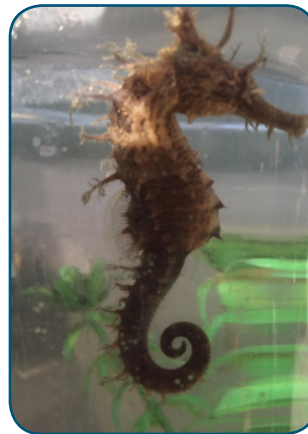
## Staff Members

**Rusty Blix - Aug 2**

**Shirin Lynch - Aug 14**

**Deschanel Thompson - Aug 21**

**Rosa Vasquez - Aug 30**



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