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Celebrate America's
250th Birthday

**MARATHON COMMUNITY PARK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 6PM - 10PM**

**JOIN US FOR A TREASURE HUNT TO FIND
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Marathon to celebrate America's 250th with treasure hunt, movie

MARATHON, FL (July 22, 2026) – Marathon's America-Fest: Celebrating 250 Years of Independence event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 1, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Join the community for a one-of-a-kind patriotic celebration marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which took place Aug. 2, 1776. Set across the scenic grounds of Marathon Community Park, this family-friendly event blends history, adventure, and classic summer fun.



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Bring your family, friends, and your patriotic spirit for an evening filled with fun, community, and celebration.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with the American Legion Post 154 Color Guard presenting the colors, followed by the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Immediately after the opening ceremony, check-in opens for the "National Treasure"-Treasure Hunt. Gather your team and embark on an exciting adventure through Marathon Community Park. The hunt concludes at 8 p.m.

To register your team for the treasure hunt, visit <https://form.jotform.com/262004818970155>.

Winning teams will be announced after the treasure hunt and prizes will be handed, followed by remarks from Marathon Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo and Monroe County Mayor Michelle Lincoln.

U.S. 1 Radio News Director Joe Moore will serve as emcee throughout the evening, while DJ Shelton keeps up the energy with great music during the treasure hunt.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., settle in under the stars as we show the family favorite "National Treasure." Don't forget to bring chairs or a blanket.

Throughout the evening, children can play in the game zone and families can enjoy free hot dogs, chips, and drinks, sponsored by the Marathon Masonic Lodge, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, Marathon Community Church, and the City of Marathon.

Note one or more City Council member(s) may be in attendance.

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