



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 12, 2026

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ITEM TYPE

Administrative

ATTACHMENTS

None

PRIOR DISCUSSION DATES

NA

AGENDA ITEM

Celebrating America250

PURPOSE

Discuss the America250 Celebration and ways South Weber City can participate

BACKGROUND

This July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. America250 is an initiative that invites everyone to take part in this national commemoration – through local events, shared experiences, and opportunities to reflect on the country’s past and future.

ANALYSIS

There are many ways communities and individuals can commemorate this historic milestone in our nation’s history. Utah’s celebration commission has identified the desire to educate, engage, and unite through this celebration. Below are some ideas within 4 different categories to begin the conversation of what and how South Weber may choose to participate in the celebration. Certainly, the Council may select from this list or generate other ideas. Staff recommend selecting only a few ideas and focusing on those rather than trying to facilitate many different activities.

1. Add America 250 to Country Fair Days

Idea	Description
America250 Booth	Small booths with history information and kids’ activities.
Parade Award	Add “Best Patriotic/America250 Entry” as a parade award.
Decorate	Add American flags, red-white-and-blue colors, historical symbols, veterans’ recognition, or America250 signs.

2. Host an “America’s Potluck”

Idea	Description
Citywide Potluck	Families gather at a park or within smaller neighborhoods and bring food.
Theme	Encourage red, white, blue food and dress code.
Conversation Cards	Include simple questions about family, freedom, and South Weber’s future.

3. Outdoor Movie Night

Idea	Description
Patriotic Family Movie	Show a family-friendly movie about courage, service, or community.
Red, White, and Blue Picnic	Families bring blankets, snacks, and wear patriotic colors.
Food Trucks	Invite local vendors for dinner.
Kids Activity Table	Offer coloring pages, craft, or thank-you cards for veterans.

4. Community Art and Displays

Idea	Description
Street Banners	Add America250 banners around the city.
Live Art Contest	Drawing or painting contest for children, youth, and families. Themes could include "My Favorite Place in South Weber" or "What Makes America Special."
