



HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK

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CHARLTON PARK PLANS 37th ANNUAL PATRIOTIC PARTY

A celebration to honor America's independence will be held on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Historic Charlton Park in Hastings. Festivities during the 37th annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July and Veterans Barbeque take place from 12-4 p.m.. Parking and admission is free.

A flag raising ceremony featuring representatives from all five military branches and a presentation by the Lawrence J. Bauer American Legion Post takes place in front of the Upjohn House at noon. Field-day style games for all ages will be held on the Village Green at 1:00 p.m. including three-legged and sack races, watermelon and pie eating contests, needle in a haystack and baby crawl. Ribbons are awarded to all winners.

Many talented bakers will showcase their skills as they vie for the honor to be named 2019 grand champion during the annual pie contest. Local "celebrity" judges will award Charlton Park event passes and merchandise to first and second place. All pies will then be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with proceeds benefitting the special event fund at Charlton Park. Uncle Sam will also be on hand with a free treat for everyone.

Sandy Schondelmayer's BBQ Pork Buffet, sponsored by the Hastings American Legion, is available from 12:30 – 4 pm. Cost for ages 13+ is \$9; ages 5-12 is \$6 per person and children under 4 eat free. A portion of the proceeds support the local American Legion.

Come early or stay late and enjoy the beach, fishing, picnic area, hiking trails or boat launch. The Historic Village is also open for self-guided tours. The Park is open every day from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. www.charltonpark.org for more information.