



Village of Orland Park America250 Initiatives

Background & Significance



- July 4, 2026, 250th anniversary of the signing Declaration of Independence.
- Opportunity for community celebration, connection and civic pride.
- Supported by Illinois America250 Commission resolution.



Community-Wide Celebrations

- Village-wide programming, events and initiatives.
- Village facilities and parks.
- Resident engagement.

Key Events & Activities

- Kick-Off: Memorial Day Weekend Parade & BBQ Fest
- **May 23**
 - Parade
 - Patriotic Activities
 - Bands
 - Amateur Rib Cook-off
 - Fireworks
- History
- Parks & Facilities
- Camps
- Special Events: Concerts, 4th of July, Taste
- Community Opportunities



Financial Impact

- Most costs included in operations.
- Estimated unbudgeted costs: \$30,000.



A promotional poster for the 'Red White & Blue BBQ Fest & Parade' in Orland Park. The poster features the Orland Park logo and the 'America 250 Illinois' logo. The event title is prominently displayed in red, white, and blue. Below the title are three performance slots: 'Cadillac Grove' from 2-4 P.M., 'Nashville Nation' from 4:30-6:30 P.M., and 'Tramps Like Us' from 7-9 P.M. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at Centennial Park West, 15609 Park Station Blvd. The poster also lists sponsors: CB (Christopher & Barker), Comcast, Dave & Buster's, Northwestern Medicine, and WM.

COTW Input/Discussion