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Independence Day Ltd – Parade – Grand Marshal

On April 16, 2015 Independence Day Ltd. announced starting with the 2015 4th of July parade will have an annual Grand Marshal. Independence Day Ltd. received none (9) nominations from residents in the Pottstown area.

Mr. Ronald C. Downie has been selected to be the 2015 4th of July parade Grand Marshal.

Mr. Downie was nominated by his grandson, Connor Kurtz. Mr. Downie graduated from Pottstown High School in 1953. He attended Penn State and Ursinus Colleges. He was employed at Firestone. He left Firestone and started in the landscaping field. He developed Pottstown Nursery and was involved with various changes in the operations including final closure.

Mr. Downie was involved with the Jaycees, Ambucs, BIE, Schuylkill River Greenway Association Pottstown School Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Pottstown Borough Council and Carousel at Pottstown. Mr. Downie was Elk of the year at Pottstown BPOE 814. He earned a fifty year pin for being a members of the local Masonic lodge and the Reading Shrine and Consistory. He is a member of the Pottstown High School Alumni Honor Roll Society.

In his public service career, he was the President of the Ambucs, BIE, Schuylkill River Greenway Association and the Chairman of the Pottstown Borough Authority. He was instrumental in construction the Amphitheater located in Riverfront Park, which is named after him.

Mr. Downie will be acknowledge during the opening ceremonies on Friday July 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park. He will be in the 2015 4th of July parade starting at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2015.

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