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State of Maine Bicentennial Parade Presented by Poland Spring now slated for August

AUBURN AND LEWISTON – The Maine Bicentennial Commission (Maine200) today announced the rescheduled date of the [State of Maine Bicentennial Parade Presented by Poland Spring](#).

The parade will march through downtown Auburn and Lewiston beginning at **10 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021**, featuring more than 80 units commemorating Maine’s 201 years of statehood.

Originally scheduled for Spring of 2020, the parade was delayed due to pandemic restrictions. The State has now announced that face coverings and social distancing are no longer mandatory. Additionally, the commission is partnering with WGME (CBS-13/FOX 23) to produce a live broadcast of the event for any spectator who is not comfortable attending in person.

“The planning and preparations have been in place for more than a year, and we are very excited that the pandemic response has progressed to point that will now allow us to share the excitement of this event with people throughout Maine,” said Bicentennial Commission Chairman Sen. William Diamond. “We are very thankful that Poland Spring and the cities of Auburn and Lewiston have retained their enthusiasm for this historic celebration of all that we love about Maine.”

“Poland Spring is proud to be the marquee sponsor of the State of Maine Bicentennial Parade. This year, more than ever, Maine has so much to celebrate,” said Heather Printup, Poland Spring® Community Relations Manager. “Our strength of spirit has been the hallmark of Mainers for 201 years, Poland Spring for 176 years, and our most valuable asset for generations to come.”

The Maine Bicentennial Commission will release more details about the participating units, route, and special features of the parade as the event date nears. The Maine Bicentennial Commission is encouraging statewide participation in the parade and will review any new applications for floats and participating units via the parade website, www.Maine200parade.com.

The parade will also feature an inter-generational Bicentennial Marching Band, led by John Neal, music director at the Snow Pond Arts Academy. The Commission is inviting musicians from across the state (ages 13+) to learn the music, attend rehearsals, and march in the parade as part of this once-in-a-lifetime band. Full details and participation links are available at www.Maine200parade.com.

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