

EDWARD J. WEISS  
**MAYORAL SPEECH**  
**JULY 4, 2015**

**Good morning everyone.**

**Could I please ask you to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.**

**[PLEDGE AND ANTHEM]**

**Good morning and Happy 4th of July!**

**Please allow me to introduce my fellow trustees:**

<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>- Brian Vail</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>- Rosie Connell</b>
	<b>- Kathleen Baumann Schnoor</b>
	<b>- Len Emma</b>
<b>And our Clerk and Treasurer</b>	<b>- Cathy Spier</b>
<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	<b>- John Bates</b>
<b>Village Justice</b>	<b>- David Desmond</b>

<b>And Special Guest</b>	<b>Suffolk County Legislator, Sarah Anker</b>
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**I'd also like to acknowledge our Commissioners and Board and Committee Members . . . many of whom are here today . . . who make our community the beautiful and special place it is.**

**And, of course, our steward, Colleen.**

**And our friends at the Shoreham Country Club . . . the social arm of our Village.**

**The Village Association . . . for all its work so important to our community.**

**And various clubs . . . including the Art Club, Book Club and Garden Club . . . all adding a wonderful dimension to what our Village is all about.**

**And so many others ... just look at this very celebration.**

**Barbara Kullen for singing our National Anthem.**

**Yvette Malavet-Blum for “God Bless America” she’s about to sing.**

**Bob Sweet for . . . once again  
. . . leading the best band in the world . . . thank you Bob!**

**Liz Larson for all those prizes she’s about to give out.**

**John Bates for being the long-time official scorer at the Married Men’s/Single Men’s Game.**

**Judy De Salgado and Sherry Mahoney for our color guard  
. . . thank you guys — GOOD JOB! GIVE ME 5!**

**The Siegel family for use of The Gazebo for so many years.**

**And all those for setting things up for today’s celebration . . . including installation of our 4th of July banners on Woodville Road by Alan Lebowitz ... and the bagpipes about to be played by Ken Esser.**

**And then there are those who have been involved over the years with something very special.  
Started as part of our country’s Bicentennial Celebration, various volunteers have organized and run**

what was originally called a “Field Day” . . . now the Junior Olympics . . .  
. . . replete with running races, potato sack races and obstacle course . . . with kids almost always falling . . . with much laughter . . . into the water trap at the very end.

What’s amazing about this event... loved by our children . . . is that it has perpetuated itself from a planned one-time event in 1976 . . . into a true Shoreham tradition . . . with families passing along the mantle from one generation to the next . . . to the present day . . . . . the most recent transition from John and Carolann Flannery, who ran the event last year and years before . . . to David and Kim Kuck, who have volunteered to handle the event today . . . and . . . like the Flannerys . . . hopefully for years to come.

But the beauty of it all can best be found in the willingness of those to participate in this celebration . . . without so much as a gentle reminder.

When asked if he was going to . . . so to speak . . . orchestrate the band . . . Bob Sweet said with a smile . . . “of course — I’m already on it!” . . . with the same type of response holding true of others.

**The enthusiasm, volunteerism and spirit reflected in the words just spoken . . . the American spirit shown here today and in other communities . . . both large and small . . . across this great land . . . make our country a very special place indeed . . . “from sea to shining sea.”**

**So as you enjoy the festivities of the day . . . our lunch . . . the Junior Olympics . . . and the Married Men’s/Single Men’s Game.**

**And as evening draws nigh and time goes by.**

**Always be reminded of the spirit you see here today . . . and the traditions we hold so dear.**

**Always be reminded of those in our Armed Forces who keep us safe.**

**And above all . . . always be reminded of this “Great Land” . . . and the liberty and freedom . . . with which we’ve been blessed.**

**Thank you all . . . let’s have a Great Day!**