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# Famous Words on America

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## A Quick Tour of Lines That Still Ring True

Few things travel as well as a good line. In the United States, memorable quotes have helped describe the country's ambitions, its civic habits and its everyday hopes.

As America reaches its 250th birthday in 2026, these words offer a readable timeline, from the founding era to modern speeches, that many readers still recognize.

Some quotes are formal and public, delivered to Congress or to crowds. Others are shorter, meant to be repeated at kitchen tables, in classrooms and in ceremonies. Together they show how Americans have explained the idea of the nation in moments of uncertainty and in times of shared pride.

## Founding Era Voices

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence set a tone that still anchors American public life, asserting that "all men are created equal" and are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." The document, adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, also names those rights: "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

A little more than a decade later, the Consti-



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tion opened with a statement that is both simple and durable: "We the People of the United States." The Preamble's opening words, drafted in 1787 and ratified in 1788, continue to appear in courthouses, textbooks and civic programs as a reminder that self-government rests on citizens.

## Liberty and Leadership

Abraham Lincoln, speaking at Gettysburg on Nov. 19, 1863, offered one of the country's best-known summaries of democratic purpose. He described "government of the people, by the people, for the people" as something

that "shall not perish from the earth." The address, delivered during the Civil War, linked national sacrifice to a practical idea: keeping representative government alive.

In 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt used his State of the Union address to outline

"Four Freedoms," including "freedom of speech and expression" and "freedom of worship." The speech came as war spread across Europe and Asia. The phrasing helped many Americans talk about civic values in clear terms that could be taught and remembered.

## Everyday Aspirations

Not all well-known American lines come from presidents. In 1963, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. told the March on Washington crowd, "I have a dream," a refrain that has remained familiar because it points to achievable civic work, including fairness in daily life.

In 1989, novelist and essayist James Baldwin captured another lasting thought in "The Price of the Ticket": "This is your home. Do not be driven from it." The sentence is often quoted for its plainspoken encouragement to claim a place in the national story.

Quotes do not replace history, but they can help people enter it. Read closely, these lines show Americans describing ideals, responsibilities and belonging in words meant to carry beyond a single day.

In an anniversary year, they offer a reminder that the country's story is also told one sentence at a time.



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# The American Landscape

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## Places and Environments That Shaped Life Across the Nation

The land itself played a central role in shaping the American experience.

From coastlines and rivers to plains, deserts and mountains, geography influenced where people settled, how communities formed and how the nation developed over 250 years.

Early settlements clustered near water. Rivers provided transportation, food and power, while coastlines connected colonies to trade routes. Fertile soil supported farming communities, allowing towns to grow around agriculture and commerce.

As Americans moved inland, they adapted to new environments. Forests were cleared, prairies cultivated and arid regions settled through irrigation and careful planning. Each landscape presented challenges that required



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adjustment and cooperation.

### Rivers, Plains and Mountains

Major rivers such as the Mississippi and Ohio shaped travel and trade. Steamboats carried goods and passengers, linking interior communities to distant markets. These waterways became economic lifelines and cultural meeting points.

The Great Plains supported large-scale agriculture, contributing to food production that sustained growing cities. Farmers learned to work with changing weather and soil conditions, developing techniques suited to open land and seasonal cycles.

Mountain ranges influenced movement and settlement. The Appalachian

Mountains slowed early westward travel, while later routes through the Rockies opened access to the Pacific coast. Railroads and roads carved pathways through difficult terrain, connecting regions once separated by distance.

### Parks and Protected Lands

As settlement expanded, Americans also began to preserve natural spaces. Yellowstone became the nation's first national park in 1872, setting a precedent for protecting landscapes for public use and enjoyment. Other parks followed, preserving forests, deserts and coastlines.

These protected lands offered recreation and reflection. National parks and monuments provided shared spaces where people could experience natural beauty regardless of background. Conservation efforts balanced development with stewardship.

Public lands also supported local economies through tourism and outdoor activity, linking preservation with community growth.

### Cities and Countryside

The American landscape includes both urban and rural spaces. Cities rose around

harbors, rail hubs and industry, becoming centers of innovation and culture. Rural areas continued to support agriculture, resource production and small-town life.

Movement between city and countryside shaped patterns of work and living. Suburban growth after World War II reflected changing transportation and housing needs, while rural regions maintained traditions tied to land and community.

Together, these spaces formed an interconnected system rather than separate worlds.

### A Lasting Relationship

Over 250 years, Americans developed a relationship with the land that combined use, adaptation and care. Landscapes shaped daily life, influenced opportunity and provided common reference points across regions.

As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, the American landscape remains a unifying element. It offers continuity in a changing world and reminds people that place matters. From familiar hometown settings to protected natural spaces, the land continues to shape how Americans live, work and connect with one another.

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Garrett — Garrett  
Heritage Days July 3, parade,  
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### July 4

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Park

Angola — Crooked Lake  
fireworks

Angola — Fort Wayne  
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Fort Wayne — July 4,  
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Garrett — Garrett  
Heritage Days, pancake  
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walk, swim meet and more,  
fireworks, behind soccer field  
on Warfield St. at dusk

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Topeka — 4th of July  
Celebration All day at East  
Park Softball games, road  
run, breakfast at the fire  
station children's games,  
fireworks at dusk.

Wolcottville — 4th of  
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# America's Story Through Food



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## How Shared Meals and Regional Flavors Shaped the Nation

Food tells a quiet but powerful story about American life. What people grew, cooked and shared reflected geography, culture and daily routine.

Over 250 years, food became a record of migration, adaptation and community, linking regional identity with shared tradition.

In the nation's earliest years, meals depended on local resources. Coastal communities relied on seafood, while inland settlements focused on grains, vegetables and livestock. Cooking methods were shaped by necessity, with simple tools and seasonal ingredients guiding what appeared on the table.

As people moved, they carried food traditions with them. Recipes changed to fit new climates and available ingredients, blending old practices with new conditions.

## Regional Roots

Distinct regional cuisines developed over time. Southern cooking drew on African, Native American and European influences, combining ingredients like corn, beans and greens. In New England, seafood and preserved foods reflected coastal life and harsh winters.

The Midwest emphasized grains and meat, shaped by agriculture and farming communities. In the Southwest, food reflected Native American and Mexican traditions, with flavors built around corn, beans and spices. Each region developed dishes tied closely to place and history.

These regional foods told stories of settlement and adaptation. They also created a sense of belonging rooted in shared taste and routine.

## Food and Community

Food played a central role in bringing people together. Family meals marked daily life, while holidays centered

on shared dishes and tradition. Community gatherings, church suppers and picnics turned food into a social experience.

Immigration added new layers. New arrivals introduced ingredients, techniques and flavors that gradually became part of the American table. Over time, once unfamiliar foods became common, reflecting openness to change and influence.

Food also shaped commerce. Markets, bakeries and restaurants became neighborhood fixtures, offering spaces where people gathered and exchanged more than goods.

## Changing the Table

The 20th century brought changes to how food was produced and shared.

Advances in transportation and refrigeration expanded access to ingredients. Canned and packaged foods increased convenience, altering cooking habits.

Despite these changes, tradition remained important. Home cooking continued alongside new options. Regional dishes were preserved through families, cookbooks and community events.

In recent decades, interest in local food and shared dining renewed attention to food's role in connection. Farmers markets, community meals and regional specialties gained renewed appreciation.

## A Shared Experience

Food reflects both difference and common ground. While regional flavors vary, the act of sharing meals remains universal. Recipes pass through generations, carrying memory and meaning.

As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, food offers a familiar lens on American history. Through everyday meals and special gatherings, it tells a story of adaptation, creativity and connection. Across regions and generations, food continues to bring Americans together around the table.



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# How America Celebrates

BY GREEN SHOOT MEDIA

## Traditions and Gatherings That Bring People Together

Celebration has always been part of American life. From small-town gatherings to national holidays, shared moments of joy helped communities mark time, honor milestones and strengthen social bonds.

Over 250 years, Americans developed traditions that reflect both local character and national identity.

Early celebrations often centered on seasonal rhythms and civic events. Independence Day quickly became a focal point, marked by public readings, parades and community meals. These gatherings reinforced shared ideals while giving people a reason to come together beyond daily work.

As towns grew, celebrations became more organized. Fairs, festivals and public ceremonies offered spaces for recreation and connection. These events helped establish traditions that endured across generations and gave communities a shared calendar to look forward to each year.

## Holidays and Traditions

National holidays created common reference points across a growing nation. Independence Day brought fireworks, speeches and music. Thanksgiving became a time for families and communities to gather, rooted in gratitude and reflection. Memorial Day and Veterans Day honored service and sacrifice through parades, ceremonies and moments of remembrance.

Local traditions developed alongside

national ones. County fairs showcased agriculture and craftsmanship. Harvest festivals marked seasonal change. Homecoming events celebrated schools and community pride. These occasions varied from place to place, yet served the same purpose of bringing people together.

Food often played a central role. Shared meals, picnics and cookouts turned celebrations into social experiences. Recipes and customs were passed down through families, linking generations through familiar tastes and routines.

## Music, Sports and Parades

Music became a natural part of celebration. Marching bands led parades. Community concerts filled town squares and parks. Familiar songs helped create

a sense of shared experience, even among people meeting for the first time.

Sports also shaped American celebration. Baseball games drew families together in the 19th century. Later generations gathered around football fields, gymnasiums and neighborhood leagues. Victories and rivalries added excitement and friendly competition to community life.

Parades combined many of these elements. Floats, uniforms and performances offered visual storytelling, allowing communities to express pride, humor and creativity in public spaces.

## Changing Forms, Lasting Purpose

As transportation and communication improved, celebrations expanded. World's fairs, national commemorations and major

sporting events drew wide attention. Radio and television later allowed millions to share experiences simultaneously, even when separated by distance.

Today, celebrations continue to evolve. Festivals incorporate new music and art. Digital tools help organize events and share memories. Despite these changes, the purpose remains familiar.

American celebrations are not only about entertainment. They create shared memories, reinforce connection and offer moments of pause in busy lives. As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, these traditions continue to remind Americans that gathering together, in simple and meaningful ways, remains one of the most enduring parts of the national experience.



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# Notable events in colonial America in 1776

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The year the United States came to be was an interesting time to be alive, particularly for those living in colonial America. The American Revolutionary War began in 1776, and much of the year was marked by events stemming from that conflict. Below are some of the more notable events to take place during a year that has come to symbolize so much to generations of Americans.

- Thomas Paine publishes his 47-page pamphlet *Common Sense* in Philadelphia on January 10. Initially published anonymously, the pamphlet is considered a watershed moment in American history, as Paine's easily digestible writing style appealed to the masses, helping promote his arguments that encouraged common people to fight for an egalitarian government.

- The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge takes place near Wilmington, North Carolina on February 27. The battle is sparked when loyalists, after storming across a bridge over Moore's Creek, attack a group of men they believe to be rebels. Though the engagement was brief, two loyalist leaders are killed, another is captured and the force is scattered. The failed attempt later complicated efforts to recruit



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loyalists in the area to fight.

- The Fifth Virginia Convention is held in Williamsburg between May 6 and July 5. The meeting of the Patriot legislature of Virginia ultimately leads to the declaration of Virginia as an independent state and the production of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which asserts the state's right to reform or abolish any form of government it deems inadequate.

- Thomas Hickey becomes an early casualty of the burgeoning

conflict between the colonies and England when the Irish-born soldier is the first to be executed by the Continental Army for "mutiny, sedition, and treachery" on June 28 in New York City. Hickey had been part of a protective detail for General George Washington but was briefly jailed for passing counterfeit money. During that brief incarceration, Hickey told a fellow prisoner he was part of a conspiracy, and reports ultimately indicated he might have been part of a plot to

assassinate General Washington, which proved enough to warrant his execution.

- An uptick incidents of violence between Native Americans and settlers in Kentucky was a ripple effect of the American Revolutionary War, and that increase in aggression was behind the capture of Jemima Boone and the Callaway girls on July 14. Days later Daniel Boone led a successful attempt to rescue his daughter and Elizabeth and Frances Callaway, who were the children of Colonel Richard Callaway, one of the first white settlers in Kentucky. A fictionalized version of the incident was included in James Fennimore Cooper's novel *The Last of the Mohicans*.

- The Great Fire of New York destroys as much as 25 percent of all buildings in New York City as it burns through areas in lower Manhattan on September 20 and 21. The fire broke out shortly after British forces began occupying the city. While each side accused the other of arson in the aftermath of the fire, historians dispute such assertions, noting the fire likely started with burning rooftop debris before windy conditions spread the conflagration to surrounding buildings.

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## A Growing Union

### BY GREEN SHOOT MEDIA How Thirteen Colonies Became Fifty States Over 250 Years

When the United States declared independence in 1776, its borders stretched only along the Atlantic coast.

Thirteen colonies formed a loose union, uncertain whether their experiment in self-government would last. Over the next 250 years, the nation expanded steadily, shaped by migration, negotiation and settlement.

Early growth followed population movement. Settlers crossed the Appala-

chian Mountains in search of farmland and opportunity. New communities formed along rivers and trade routes, creating demand for roads, markets and local government. As populations grew, territories began seeking statehood and a voice in national affairs.

The process was deliberate. Territories drafted constitutions, organized governments and demonstrated readiness to join the union on equal footing with existing states. This approach helped maintain stability as the

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# Did You Know?

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## Did you know?

Americans will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States in July 2026, and the word “semiquincentennial” may come up in conversation during those celebrations. Some people may not be familiar with the term and what it means. A semiquincentennial is

the 250th anniversary of something. It breaks down to “half” of a “quincentennial,” which is 500 years. Synonyms may include sestercentennial, bisequicentennial or quatermillennial. Each term refers to a period of 250 years. It’s a rather large word for a simple meaning, but people are bound to hear more of it as 2026 goes on and Independence Day is celebrated on July 4.

## UNION

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nation grew.

### Paths to Expansion

Some additions came through negotiation and purchase. The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 more than doubled the nation’s size, opening vast areas to settlement and trade. Later agreements added territory in the South and West, reshaping the national map without military conflict.

Other states emerged from organized territories as railroads, farms and towns took root. California’s rapid growth during the Gold Rush led to statehood in 1850, while states across the Midwest followed as agriculture expanded and transportation improved.

Each new state brought its own economy and culture. Coastal states often relied on trade and shipping, while interior states developed around farming, mining and manufacturing. Together, they reflected a wide range of regional experiences.

### Connecting the States

Expansion required connection. The National Road, canals and later transcontinental railroads linked distant regions and allowed goods and people to move efficiently. These networks strengthened commerce and helped create

a national economy.

Communication improved alongside transportation. Newspapers, postal routes and telegraph lines reduced isolation and kept citizens informed. Shared information reinforced a sense of national identity even as communities remained locally distinct.

By the early 20th century, the contiguous United States had taken shape. The addition of Alaska and Hawaii in 1959 brought new geography and cultures into the union, extending the nation’s reach from the Arctic to the Pacific.

### A Shared Framework

Today, Americans often identify strongly with their home state while participating in a larger national system. State governments address local needs, while shared laws and institutions connect the country as a whole.

The journey from thirteen colonies to fifty states reflects more than territorial growth. It tells a story of communities seeking representation, stability and opportunity within a shared framework. After 250 years, that balance between local identity and national unity remains one of the country’s enduring strengths, shaping how Americans live, cooperate and govern together across generations.



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## BY GREEN SHOOT MEDIA How Labor Shaped the Nation's Growth

Work has always been central to the American story. From early farms and workshops to factories, offices and digital spaces, labor shaped daily life and national development.

The ways Americans worked reflected changing technology, geography and opportunity, while reinforcing shared expectations about effort and contribution.

In the nation's earliest years, most Americans worked close to home. Agriculture dominated, supported by small trades such as blacksmithing, milling and carpentry. These occupations anchored local economies and fostered self-reliance, while trade networks connected communities to broader markets.

As the country expanded westward, work followed settlement. Farming adapted to new regions, while mining, logging and transportation supported growth. Canals and railroads created new jobs and allowed goods to move more efficiently, tying regional economies together and encouraging mobility.

### Industrial Shifts

The 19th century brought industrialization. Factories changed how goods were produced and how people earned wages. Urban centers grew as workers sought opportunity, while new industries created demand for specialized skills and training.

Labor organizations emerged as workers sought improved conditions and stability. Over time, laws addressed hours, safety and compensation, reflecting evolving expectations about work and responsibility. These changes occurred gradually, shaped by economic conditions and public discussion.

The 20th century introduced further transformation. Manufacturing expanded during wartime production, while postwar prosperity supported growth in construction, education and service industries. Offices and

professional roles increased, reflecting changes in technology and organization.

### Modern Economy

Late in the century, automation and computing altered workplaces again. Jobs shifted toward information, healthcare and technology, while traditional industries adapted to new tools. Global trade influenced production, distribution and employment patterns.

Remote communication expanded where and how work could be done. Telephones, computers and internet-based tools reshaped collaboration and productivity. These changes affected both large organizations and independent workers across the country.

Small businesses continued to play a central role. Family-owned shops, farms and service providers remained economic anchors in towns and cities. Entrepreneurship offered pathways for innovation, local investment and community stability.

Work also shaped civic life. Newspapers, unions, schools and civic organizations reflected occupational identity and shared responsibility. These institutions reinforced connections between labor, information and community participation at the local level.

Economic transitions required adaptation. Workers retrained, industries reorganized and communities adjusted to shifting demand, reflecting the nation's long pattern of responding to change.

### Looking Ahead

As the nation reaches its 250th anniversary, work remains a defining feature of American life. Though tools and industries change, the emphasis on contribution and adaptability continues.

America's work history shows a pattern of adjustment rather than replacement. Each generation built on prior effort, responding to new conditions while sustaining economic participation. That tradition remains central to how the nation moves forward.

# America's National Symbols

BY GREEN SHOOT MEDIA

## How Shared Images Express National Identity

National symbols offer a way for Americans to recognize shared history and values without a single voice or message.

Over time, these symbols developed through custom, law and public use, reflecting continuity rather than deliberate design. Together, they provide a visual and cultural language understood across generations.

The American flag is among the most recognized national symbols. Its origins trace to the early years of independence, with stars and stripes representing unity among states. As the nation expanded, stars were added, allowing the flag to evolve alongside the country itself. Today, the flag appears at public buildings, community events and private homes, serving as a familiar presence in daily life.

The bald eagle became a national emblem in the late 18th century. Selected for the Great Seal of the United States, the eagle symbolized strength and independence drawn from classical imagery. Over time, it appeared on currency, official documents and public monuments, reinforcing its role as a visual marker of national identity.

## Symbols in Everyday Life

Other symbols developed through shared experience rather than formal selection. The Liberty Bell gained prominence in the 19th century, especially as abolitionists used it to

represent freedom and justice. Though cracked, the bell became a lasting reminder of ideals expressed at the nation's founding.

The Statue of Liberty arrived in the late 19th century as a gift from France and gradually assumed deeper meaning. For many immigrants, it marked arrival and opportunity. Over time, it became associated with welcome, civic values and participation in national life.

National songs and mottos also shape shared identity. "The Star-Spangled Banner," written during the War of 1812, became the national anthem in the 20th century. Phrases such as "E Pluribus Unum" emphasized unity among diverse states and people, reinforcing themes found throughout American history.

## Changing Meaning

National symbols do not remain fixed. Their meanings shift as new generations interpret them through contemporary experience. The flag, monuments and national imagery have been present during moments of celebration, hardship and reflection.

Symbols are reinforced through routine use. Schools, civic events and public ceremonies rely on familiar imagery to mark shared occasions. These repeated encounters help maintain continuity without requiring uniform interpretation.

National symbols also appear in everyday spaces such as courthouses, libraries and town squares. Their presence reflects shared reference points rather than directive messages, allowing individuals to engage

on personal terms.

Together, these symbols form a shared visual language. They persist not because they demand agreement but because they allow recognition

across differences.

As the nation marks its 250th anniversary, national symbols continue to serve as familiar reference points. They connect past and present

without prescribing interpretation. In doing so, they reflect a country shaped by shared images, evolving meaning and ongoing participation across generations.



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# Prepare pets for Fourth of July festivities

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Many people are eager for Independence Day celebrations in early summer. There is much to be excited about, as festivities often begin in the afternoon with barbecues and pool parties, and commence late at night after fireworks shows that light up the night sky. Still, not everyone enjoys the extra noise and busy nature of July 4th parties, particularly furry members of the family.

Animal control services often report an increase in lost animals between July 4th and July 6th. That's because the excitement of the holiday puts pets out of their comfort zones.

While pet owners need not cancel their July 4th plans, they should take heed of the many ways to keep their pets safe during the festivities.

### Update identification

Be sure prior to any July 4th events that pets are wearing collars with current identification informa-

tion. If an address or phone number has changed since the last time you updated microchip records, be sure to check the account is current.

### Be careful with alcoholic drinks

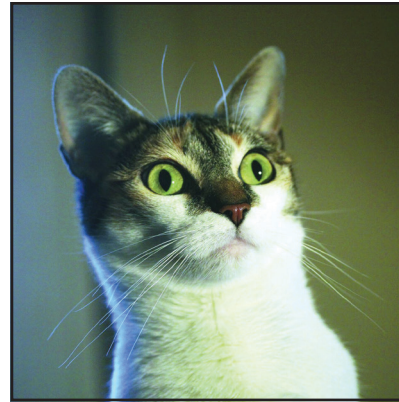
Party hosts typically serve beer, wine and cocktails. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets, says the ASPCA. Animals can become very intoxicated, severely depressed or go into comas if they drink alcohol. Keep spirited drinks well out of reach.

### Check with the vet

Many pets are prone to anxiety from loud noises, such as thunderstorms and fireworks, and lots of commotion — something that occurs in spades come July 4th. Some veterinarians recommend a small course of anti-anxiety medication or a sedative to help pets cope with the stimuli.

### Create a quiet space

Allow pets to ride out the day in their comfortable, quiet and cozy retreats. If necessary, create a space



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in an interior room. Cover the pet crate with a blanket and offer favorite toys or bedding to create a soothing environment.

### Place notes on doors and gates

While it's best to keep pets in a locked room away from the fray, some pets like to socialize with guests and are not bothered by noises. However, alert guests with

notes posted on doors and fence gates to check to make sure pets are not trying to escape behind them. All doors should be closed firmly when entering or exiting.

### Pick up debris

Firework debris can rain down on properties even if you were not shooting off the fireworks. Curious pets may pick it up or eat it, which runs the risk of an upset stomach or even an intestinal blockage. Check your yard before letting pets out to play.

### Keep an eye on the grill

Pets can be opportunists, and those burgers and chicken drumsticks smell delicious to pets. Pets that get too close to the grill can become injured. And if pets eat leftovers, they may end up with digestive distress or even be poisoned by foods that are toxic to cats and dogs.

Pets need to be protected during summertime parties like Independence Day celebrations.



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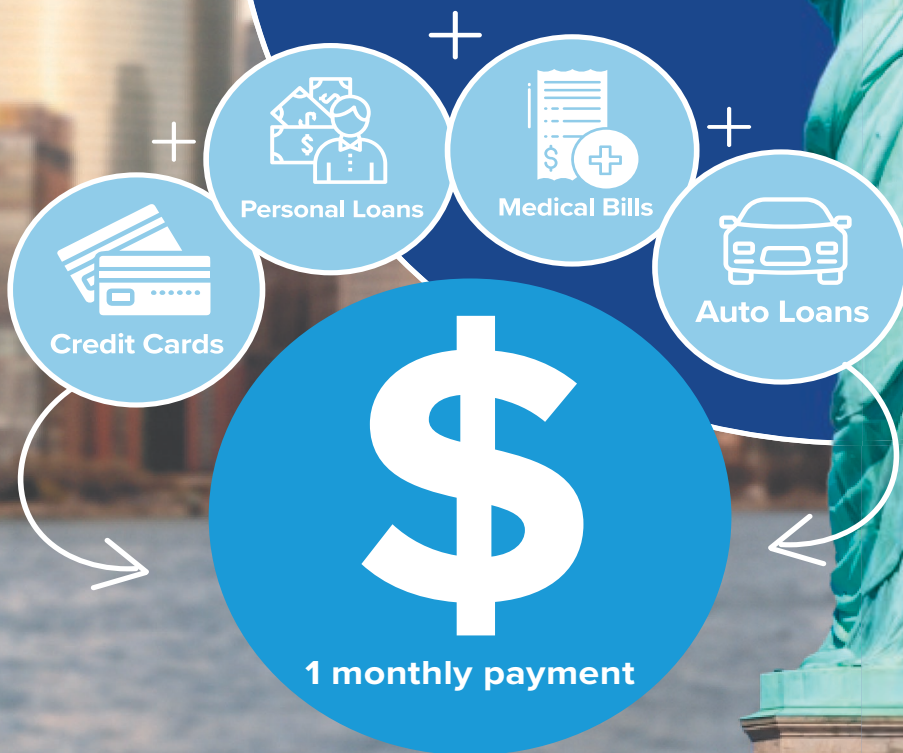
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