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Did you know the nickname of Bristol is *America's Most Patriotic Town*? This nickname probably does not come as a surprise to any of the residents of the town or to the members of the RWU Law community. No one can stop talking about, looking forward to, bragging about, or planning for the culmination of Bristol’s patriotism, the annual 4th of July celebration.

This year will feature several evenings of music including *Changes In Latitudes*, a Jimmy Buffett tribute show; *Simply Diamond*, a Neil Diamond tribute show; and *Songs in the Attic*, a Billy Joel tribute show.

In addition to the concert series, there is a Drum & Bugle Corps Competition, a fireworks display, and of course, the parade. The *Chief Marshall of the parade* this year even has a law degree!

Interested in learning more about the history of the celebration? Check out this old episode of the public television show *Dead Air Live which features Bristol*.

This summer celebrate your Independence Day safely, responsibly, and perhaps with a new license plate.
Historically speaking, Newport, RI is filled with fun. According to RI.gov, Newport was home to the first circus in the United States (1774), was where Judge Darius Baker imposed a the first jail sentence for speeding in an automobile (1904), is the location of the oldest synagogue in North America which houses the oldest torah in North America (1763), and had the first street in the country to use gas-illuminated streetlights. The Legal Beagle is also happy to report that Newport is the home of the oldest lending library in America.

Besides having interesting and unique historical firsts, Newport also has tons of summer fun. For example, Newport has been the home of one of the most prominent folk festivals since that festival was
founded in 1959. In addition to the folk festival, which is held at Fort Adams, summer also brings the annual Newport Jazz Festival. This year’s festival features performances by Chris Botti, Dr. John, and Arturo Sandoval.

Not only is Newport an exciting place in the summer for a music-lover, but it is also an exciting place for a foodie. Stop by the Residence Inn Marriott Newport and indulge in food truck fare. Specifically, check out Championship Melt which claims to be the only wrestling-themed, gourmet grilled cheese food truck in the world.

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