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City of Fairfield Announces Red, White and KaBOOM Plans

In a recent press conference, the Lt. Governor discussed the upcoming Independence Day holiday and encouraged everyone to enjoy the fireworks shows in small groups and to celebrate safely. On the heels of that announcement, the City of Fairfield Parks and Recreation Director, Tiphonie Howard, is echoing that same message. “Our community values this holiday, tremendously, and the thought of cancelling it never seemed like a viable option,” says Howard. “We just had to give it a minor facelift in order to celebrate responsibly.”

In doing so, the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department has made adjustments to comply with the State mandates. Howard explains that, “The traditional aspects of our celebration had to be eliminated in order to meet the mandates. It became apparent, very quickly, that we had to cancel the events and concerts that we typically host at our facilities and find a solution to shooting the fireworks in a safe manner.”

Due to the restrictions, the “event” will look different this year with the following changes:

- Traditional planned events in the parks such as food trucks, concerts, etc. are cancelled.
- Harbin Park will be closed the entire day on Friday, July 3 to foot and vehicular traffic.
- All other parks will close at their normal times (dusk) including Village Green.
- The fireworks show has been redesigned to help increase the viewing area throughout Fairfield by utilizing bigger shells and a larger shooting zone (which is why Harbin will be closed all day on Friday, July 3).
- The fireworks show will be shortened to 20 minutes vs 35 minutes in years past.

Brittany Theilman, Community Events Coordinator for the department, explains, “We want our community to enjoy the fireworks with members from your same family at home! Our goal is to provide a fun and memorable experience in the safest manner possible.”

Rozzi’s Famous Fireworks will go off at 10p.m. on Friday, July 3 from Harbin Park. Harbin Park will be closed to vehicular and foot traffic for the entire day to ensure a secure shooting zone. The department is searching for a local radio station to host the 20-minute soundtrack. Details on this endeavor will be publicized on the department’s Facebook once a station has been secured.

The City of Fairfield (pop. 42,613 residents) maintains 41 parks and recreation amenities totaling 845 manicured acres (over 1,100 in total), including; 28 parks and open spaces, an 18-hole championship golf course, a 9-hole executive golf course, a Community Theater and Arts Center,

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a 7-acre dog park and trail head expansion, an aquatic center, an 1817 farm mansion, a 45-acre lake, 75 acres of nature preserve, 14 miles of bike/hike paths and two historical cemeteries. During the year, the Parks and Recreation staff conducts hundreds of special programs and events, enhancing the quality of life experiences for thousands of residents and visitors.

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