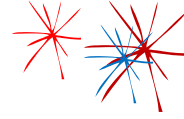


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To Organize, Fund, Promote and Deliver
Manchester's long standing Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

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**QUESTIONS PEOPLE ARE ASKING ABOUT MANCHESTER'S FIREWORKS EVENT
ON SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024**

What time is the event? The event opens at 4:00 p.m. however attendees are welcome to arrive early to claim a preferred viewing spot with placement of blankets and chairs.

Is there a rain date? Yes, if inclement weather forces the cancellation of events on July 6th, the program will be rescheduled to Sunday, July 7th same times.

Are pets allowed? It is very strongly urged that pets be left at home for their own health and safety, however if they do join you, you will need to have them on leash and pick up after them.

Are coolers allowed? Lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets and coolers are welcome (no glassware, please). No tents or canopies allowed as they will obstruct the view for others.

Where can I park? There is ample parking available on campus. Vehicles can enter the campus via Hillstown Road or Bidwell Street. The campus entrance on Wetherell Street will not be open to vehicle traffic. Parking on side streets is usually restricted by Police Department on event day.

Where is handicap parking? There are numerous parking spaces designated handicapped only in the campus parking lots (normally nearer the college buildings). Unfortunately, we are unable to provide handicap parking down by the band shell (as provided for the summer concert series events) due to the congestion of food trucks and attendee gathering (expecting 8,000) in that area.

Can I ride my bike in the area? While riding your bike to the event is a great idea it could be problematic because of the vast amount of people in the area. If you do have a bike we ask that you walk it through the crowd to avoid contact with others. Please, no skateboards.

Is smoking allowed? Community College buildings and grounds are designated smoke free and we urge attendees to respect that.

What can't I bring to event? No drones, grills, candles, personal fireworks or sparklers are allowed at the event.

Can I make a donation to the event? Admission to this event is free however there will be an opportunity to voluntarily donate at the entrances to campus parking lots. A suggested cash (only) donation would be one dollar per head or two or three dollars per car load.

Can my group or organization sell or solicit on site? No, outside vendors are not allowed at this event. We limit this event to our concession vendors, town sponsored activities and market place tables. The best way to get information out about your organization or cause is to wear a shirt with your name on it.

Will there be food available on site? Oh yes! We have contracted with a variety of food vendors to be present on event day. For your enjoyment we will have Manchester Lions Club, Thomas Smoky Pit Stop, Brazilian Gula, Hungry Lion, Ice Cream Dream, Kona Ice, Baker Boys, Decadent Dog and Twin Beaks. Their concessions will be situated on the grassy areas off to the right of the band shell. Please note: The traditional Fogarty Chicken BBQ will not be offered due to operational difficulties encountered.

Who is this year's musical entertainment? Local sensation "Silver Fox String Band" is on stage between 4:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. followed by one of Connecticut's most in-demand bands "Nightshift" entertaining the crowd with covers of only the most popular and fun songs of the 60's, 70's and 80's between 7:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

What time do the fireworks begin? Precisely at 9:30 p.m.

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