

Things to Know about Greenbelt's Independence Day Celebration

The fireworks display will take place at Buddy Attick Lake Park, 555 Crescent Road, Thursday evening, July 4th, at approximately 9:00 P.M. and last 20 to 30 minutes. The Greenbelt Police Department will be hosting a tent in the grassy area by the main parking lot to assist citizens with everything from first aid to reuniting lost children with their families. The Greenbelt CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) team will also have a tent adjacent to the police tent, serving as a hydration station (including cooling chairs) and to providing limited first aid assistance.

Please note that alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed at Buddy Attick Park. Violators are subject to arrest. For safety and security reasons, people carrying coolers and packages into the park may have them inspected.

ALL forms of fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets, are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George's County. Anyone found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

Traffic and Parking Concerns

The park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations. The parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space. Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed. Those parking adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue should make sure their car is completely off the roadway or risk being required to move. The roadway must remain clear for passage of emergency vehicles and regular traffic.

Traffic Control

Once the fireworks begin, **there will no inbound traffic allowed on Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue**. When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area. Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area should take Greenbelt Road. If the fireworks begin on time and no problems develop, these temporary changes in traffic patterns should be enforced from about 9:45 to 10:30 P.M.

Calls for Information

For information in case of inclement weather, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646. Do NOT call the police dispatcher for fireworks-related information. Police telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies or for other police-related concerns.