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Star-Spangled Spectacular 4th of July Celebration on Hollywood Beach
Important Traffic, Parking and Event Shuttle Information

HOLLYWOOD, FL – All are welcome to celebrate our nation's 241st birthday on Hollywood Beach on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at the annual Star-Spangled Spectacular 4th of July Celebration. Sponsored by the City of Hollywood Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and the Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency-Beach District, this annual event features entertainment beginning at 2:00 p.m., highlighted by a dazzling offshore fireworks display at 9:00 p.m.

Event schedule:

- Johnson Street Plaza: noon to 8:00 p.m. Social Media Station
- Charnow Park: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. music and games with DJ Gamesmaster Tony Mixx
- Beachside Stage at Charnow Park presented by Koffee Kult: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Concert featuring 13th Army Band of the Florida National Guard
- 7:00 p.m. Official Welcome at the Beachside Stage
- 9:00 p.m. dazzling offshore fireworks display

INFORMATION TO HELP MAKE IT A SAFE AND HAZARD-FREE HOLIDAY

Alcoholic beverages, fireworks of all types, sparklers, glass containers, coolers larger than 36" long and barbecue grills are prohibited on the beach and could be confiscated by Hollywood Police. Picnicking is permitted on the sandy beach only between Sherman and Custer streets as well as within Charnow Park at Garfield Street, Keating Park at Magnolia Terrace, and Harry Berry Park at Azalea Terrace.

It is prime nesting season for several protected species of sea turtles. Turtle nesting activity is normal and should not be considered an emergency. If you plan to stake out a spot on the sand to watch the fireworks, please remember the nesting habits of sea turtles can be impacted by light sources. Please refrain from using flashlights. If you do encounter a sea turtle or sea turtle nest, do not disturb it. Knowingly interfering with a sea turtle nest could result in civil or even criminal penalties and fines. Please note, nesting activity is not an emergency.

All boaters are advised to travel at safe speeds and to watch for endangered species including manatees and sea turtles. Any collisions with or injury to sea turtles, manatees or other protected species must be reported to Sea Turtle Emergency Line (24 hours) at 954.328.0580 and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1.888.404.FWCC. Spectator boats are not allowed to anchor on or above sea grass, hard bottom or coral reef structures and could face fines or criminal penalties for doing so. This is a condition of the event permit from the U.S. Coast Guard. Boaters also must remain at least 1,400 feet from the fireworks barge. The Hollywood Police Department Marine Unit will be on hand to assure boaters follow these regulations.

Restrooms are located at Charnow Park and at Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson, and Taft Streets on the Broadwalk for your convenience.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Due to heavy traffic and limited parking, spectators are encouraged to utilize the free shuttle buses departing from two downtown parking garage locations to Connecticut Street and N. Ocean Drive. The shuttle information is as follows:

Radius Garage	Van Buren Garage
(HOURLY PARKING RATES APPLY)	(HOURLY PARKING RATES APPLY)
251 N 19th Avenue	251 S 20th Avenue

The free shuttles will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please note the last shuttles will leave for the beach at 8 p.m., at which time regular vehicular travel on A1A between Hollywood Boulevard and Sheridan Street will be restricted. Returning shuttles begin at 9:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the fireworks display.

Hollywood Police will restrict incoming vehicular traffic to A1A between Hollywood Boulevard and Sheridan Street from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. or sooner should parking and traffic levels reach capacity.

- Eastbound traffic on Hollywood Boulevard onto the beach will be diverted to southbound A1A.
- Northbound traffic on A1A will be diverted to westbound Hollywood Boulevard.
- Southbound traffic on A1A will be diverted to westbound Sheridan Street.

Following the event, vehicles parked on Garfield Street and all points south will be directed southbound on A1A to Hollywood Boulevard or Hallandale Beach Boulevard. Vehicles parked on Arthur Street north to Thomas Street north will be directed northbound to Sheridan Street. Vehicles parked at North Beach Park and all points north will be diverted northbound to Dania Beach Boulevard. Southbound traffic north of Sheridan Street will be diverted westbound on Sheridan Street.

Intracoastal Waterway bridges will maintain their regular schedules throughout the day and early evening, but from 8 p.m. to midnight the following bridges will remain in the down position to allow vehicular traffic to enter and exit the beach: Dania Beach Boulevard, Sheridan Street and Hollywood Boulevard.

The Hollywood Trolley will run starting at 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., the trolley service is $1 per ride. Download the free Trolley Tracker App for complete trolley information. http://hollywoodcra.org/index.aspx?nid=149

PARKING

Garage parking is available at the following locations on Hollywood Beach: Hollywood Beach Garage at A1A and Hollywood Boulevard; North Beach Park at Sheridan Street and A1A (must enter before sundown), Garfield Parking Garage at Garfield Street and A1A; Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort at A1A and Johnson Street; Keating Park at 2400 S. Ocean Drive/301 Magnolia Terrace; the Dunewalk/Summit Lot at 1200 S. Ocean Drive and the Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood Beach at 3555 S. Ocean Drive.

For additional event information, contact the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts at 954.921.3404. For media inquiries please call Joann Hussey, City of Hollywood Public Information Manager at 954.921.3328.

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