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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 243rd birthday on Hollywood Beach on Thursday, July 4, 2019 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 5:00 p.m., highlighted by a dazzling offshore fireworks display at 9:00 p.m.

Event schedule:

- Johnson Street Plaza: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Social Media Station. Gather your friends for a photo opportunity in front of the photo wall then share on social media using the hashtag #HollywoodFL
- Hollywood Beach Theater:
 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. DJ Music
 - 7:30 p.m. Official Welcome
 - 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Performance by 13th Army Band, Florida National Guard
- Offshore fireworks display begins at 9:00 p.m.

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. Small soft-sided coolers are preferred outside designated picnicking areas. 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.

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The Hollywood Police Department will be distributing custom safety wristbands to assist with reunification of children, elderly or special needs adults with their parent/guardian. Officers will be distributing the custom, waterproof wristbands on a first come, first served, voluntary basis while supplies last. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the wristbands will be distributed at two “Band Tent” locations: Charnow Park at Garfield Street and at the Johnson Street Plaza adjacent to Margaritaville. Individuals who become separated from their parent or guardian may be brought to a Hollywood Police Officer or to one of the “Band Tents” for further assistance.

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, including 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.

All boaters are advised to travel at safe speeds and to watch for threatened or endangered species including manatees and sea turtles. Any collisions with or injuries 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.

Public restrooms are located at Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson, Garfield, Taft and Missouri Streets on the Broadwalk for your convenience.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Due to road construction on A1A on Hollywood Beach and anticipated heavy traffic, Hollywood Police will be limiting access to the beach and directing traffic. To reach the barrier island prior to 8:00 p.m., motorists can use Hollywood Boulevard or Hallandale Beach Boulevard. Please note, there is limited parking on the barrier island and spectators are encouraged to use the free shuttle buses which will depart from the City’s two downtown parking garage locations and take passengers to Johnson Street and N. Ocean Drive. The shuttle pick up locations are:

Radius Garage
250 N 19th Avenue

Van Buren Garage
251 S 20th Avenue

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The free shuttles will run from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Please note, the last shuttles will leave from Downtown Hollywood for the beach at 8:00 p.m., with returning shuttles running from 9:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the fireworks display until 10:30 p.m.

Uber and Lyft drivers may drop-off and pick-up passengers at the designated ride share spot on Tyler Street between A1A and Surf Road. At Arizona Street, ride share drivers will have the option to either head north on A1A to Sheridan Street or South on A1A to Hallandale Beach Boulevard.

A1A – OCEAN DRIVE

From 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. the Hollywood Police Department will restrict vehicular traffic on A1A to northbound only from Hollywood Boulevard to Sheridan Street. From 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. A1A between Hollywood Boulevard and Sheridan Street will be closed to all incoming traffic.

HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD:

From 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. no westbound traffic will be permitted to exit from A1A to Hollywood Boulevard and will be detoured north to Sheridan Street. From 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. all eastbound traffic on Hollywood Boulevard exiting to A1A will be directed southbound only.

SHERIDAN STREET:

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. access to the barrier island at Sheridan Street will be closed. All eastbound traffic on Sheridan Street will be directed north or south onto 14th Avenue. No vehicles will be permitted east of 14th Avenue.

HALLANDALE BEACH BOULEVARD:

From 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. all northbound traffic on A1A will be U-Turned at Jackson Street and directed south to Hallandale Beach Boulevard.

Intracoastal Waterway bridges will maintain their regular schedules throughout the day and early evening, but from 8:00 p.m. to midnight bridges at Dania Beach Boulevard, Sheridan Street and Hollywood Boulevard will remain in the down position to allow vehicular traffic to enter and exit the beach.

SUN SHUTTLE By Circuit

Due to the altered traffic configurations planned for Hollywood Beach, the free on-demand Sun Shuttle will be operating solely within the downtown Hollywood service area from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on July 4th. The Sun Shuttle will return to normal operations on Friday, July 5th.

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PARKING

The City has parking available at the Garfield Parking Garage, 300 Connecticut Street and A1A, for a SPECIAL EVENT FLAT RATE of \$30. Standard parking rates will apply only at City-operated parking garages in downtown Hollywood: Radius parking Garage, 250 N 19th Avenue and Van Buren Parking Garage at 251 S 20th Avenue.

Parking is also 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);, 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 at 3555 S. Ocean Drive. Special event rates may vary.

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 Communications Manager at 954.921.3328.

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