



NEWS RELEASE

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LAKEPORT PREPARES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

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As the Fourth of July weekend approaches, the Lakeport Police Department would like to provide the citizens with important information for those who wish to attend the event. As in the previous year, the City of Lakeport is allowing the sale and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks within the **incorporated area of Lakeport**. Any person who wishes to purchase and use Safe and Sane Fireworks shall adhere to the following dates, times and locations for discharging Safe and Sane Fireworks.

DATES AND HOURS OF DISCHARGE:

JULY 1st: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
JULY 2nd: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
JULY 3rd: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
JULY 4th: 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

DESIGNATED PLACES FOR DISCHARGE:

All Safe and Sane Fireworks are permitted on any street within the incorporated area of Lakeport from July 1st through the 4th which does not violate section 5.30.180B, which states: It is unlawful for any person to ignite, discharge, project or otherwise fire or use any safe and sane firework, or permit the ignition, discharge or projection **upon or over or onto another's property without his/her permission or within 10 feet of any residence, dwelling or other structure used as a place of habitation by human beings.**

Discharge of Safe and Sane Fireworks will be permitted in a new location north of Library Park during the July 4th event. The location will be cordoned off by barrier tape and will be in the 50 block of 4th St. Discharging Safe and Sane fireworks in any other location in or near the Park is prohibited.

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Alcohol will be permitted by persons in the parklands during the 4th of July event. The event has been issued a “*special permit*” for alcohol consumption with certain restrictions which are listed below. These restrictions are in place as a precautionary measure to protect public safety, damage to city property or private property and to protect any and all persons in attendance. Failure to abide by these conditions may result criminal actions, the immediate suspension of the alcohol permit for the responsible person as well as seizure of their alcoholic beverages and the possible forfeiture of future alcohol permits for the responsible person at special events in the City of Lakeport.

Alcohol Restrictions:

- No kegs or other large alcohol storage/dispensing containers.
- No glass containers.
- No sales of alcohol will be allowed.
- Public Intoxication is prohibited.
- Authorized hours for consumption/possession-12:00 PM to Fireworks Display

Noise Restrictions:

- No amplified music outside of facility or event location.

Park Rules:

- Park lands will be closed between midnight and 6:00 am.
- Obey all posted rules and regulations.

Annually, the 4th of July event draws a large crowd of people to the parklands thus causing safety concerns. The Police Department has set up a public information cellular telephone text alert function through NIXLE to provide public safety alerts, other important information, such as lost children, safety concerns, street closures or location information for the safe and sane discharge area to members of the public who are attending the activities during the event. In order to receive these important public information text messages, members of the public can opt-in by texting the word **fireworks** to **888777**.

Park St. between 1st and 3rd Streets and 2nd St. between Park and N. Main St. will be closed to Vehicle traffic on July 4th. We are expecting heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the city on July 4th with peak flows being just before and after the fireworks show. Please drive with caution.

The Lakeport Police Department will also have a command post set up at City Hall Chambers during the event for those who wish to stop by or have questions.

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