

Police Department

Nannette H. Hegerty
Chief of Police

May 8, 2007

Alderman Joe Davis, Co-Chair, Fireworks Task Force Committee
Alderman Terry Witkowski, Co-Chair, Fireworks Task Force Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: 2007 Program Educational/Media Campaign Initiatives On Fireworks Enforcement

Dear Aldermen:

The Safety Division has reviewed the recommendations outlined by the Fireworks Task Force Committee. In an effort to address those recommendations, the Safety Division has planned for the execution and implementation of the following initiatives:

- 1. A Fireworks Brochure has been developed for dissemination to area Elementary and Middle Schools, Libraries, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, YWCA, Children's Outing Association locations, United Community Center, Neighborhood Block Watch Clubs and other Non-Profit Organizations.**
- 2. The Safety Division will work in partnership with Captain Greg Moore and the Community Services Division and District Community Liaison Officers to inform and educate residents regarding the possession and illegal use of consumer fireworks. The Milwaukee Police Department will aggressively enforce the City Ordinance as it relates to the illegal use of consumer purchased Fireworks.**
- 3. A meeting has been scheduled with Molly Barrett, Director of Milwaukee Public School's Recreation Division to provide presentations on the illegal use of Fireworks at thirty-eight site locations for their Summer Program Offerings.**
- 4. The Department's Public Information Officer will devise a comprehensive Media Campaign directed at both printed and electronic media including appearances on radio and television programs to broaden the community's awareness on the danger and hazards of fireworks and their illegal use.**
- 5. The Safety Division will provide information on the Milwaukee Police Department and the Fourth of July Commission's Websites as it relates to Fireworks.**

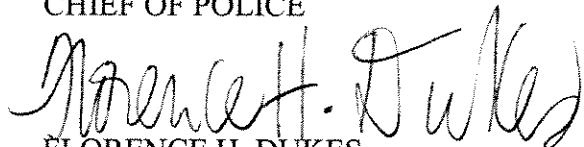
6. **With the assistance of Police Officer Patrick Patterson and Captain Galezewski of the Training Bureau, a Roll Call Tape will be developed to reinforce the City Ordinance relating to Fireworks for all departmental locations.**

The Safety Division has conferred with the Records Management Division to obtain statistics on the number of citations issued for the illegal use of fireworks for the past three years. The number of citations were as follows; 2004 (106); 2005 (122) and 2006 (164). There have been six citations issued during 2007. These statistics reveal that the illegal use of consumer purchased fireworks occurs within a six-month period, New Year's Day and the Fourth of July Celebration. Recognizing the timeframe for the use of consumer purchased fireworks, the Safety Division will aggressively embark on educational and media coverage to inform citizens of the dangers and hazards of the illegal use of consumer purchased fireworks.

The Safety Division's staff will continually use their human resources to address this issue. If there are additional inquiries, you may contact Safety Director Dukes at 935-7991.

Sincerely,

NANNETTE H. HEGERTY
CHIEF OF POLICE



FLORENCE H. DUKES
SAFETY DIRECTOR

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Cc: James Koleas
Chair, Milwaukee Safety Commission

Although the City of Milwaukee prohibits the sale and use of fireworks by all citizens, the safest way to enjoy them is through public displays conducted by professional Pyrotechnicians hired by communities over July 4th or at other times during the year. Parents need to be especially vigilant during this period in assuring that children do not possess dangerous fireworks or mishandle legal ones.

Visit these locations to watch the pros do it safely!

Milwaukee County Parks

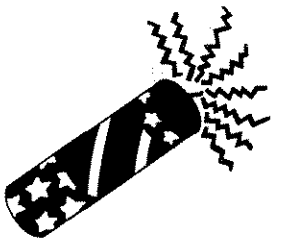
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| Alcott | Lakepark |
| Gordon | Mitchell |
| Jackson | Noyes |
| Humboldt | Washington |
| Wilson | McGovern |

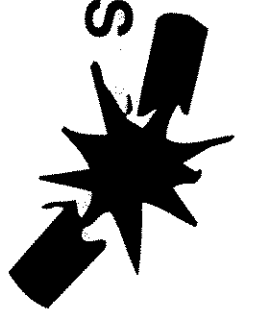
**FIREWORKS ARE DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL.
PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE OR USE FIREWORKS.**

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FIREWORKS



Use of consumer fireworks can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, fires and even death. The Milwaukee Police Department and Safety Commission do not endorse the use of consumer fireworks and instead encourages the public to enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals.

Celebrate the 4th of July Safely!

Remember all fireworks are illegal in the City of Milwaukee, even if they were purchased outside of the City limits.

Any item that emits smoke, a bang, or sparkle is considered illegal and subject to a fine of \$175.00 for an adult and \$73.00 for a juvenile.

Please enjoy the safe and legal displays and respect other people in the parks and neighborhoods as we celebrate our Nation's birthday.

Thank you for your cooperation from the City of Milwaukee Police Department Safety Division.



FIREWORKS FACTS

- In 2003, an estimated 2,300 reported structure or vehicle fires were caused by fireworks. These fires resulted in 5 civilian deaths, 60 civilian injuries, and \$29 million in direct property damage.
- In addition, 100 people were killed in a Rhode Island nightclub fire ignited by the indoor use of pyrotechnics in a small, crowded room with wall linings that promoted rapid flame spread. The facility had no sprinkler protection.
- In 2004, 9,600 people were treated at hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries. Burns were the leading type of fireworks injury (62%). Contusions and lacerations were second (20%), and were equal in share to burns when the injury was to any part of the head or face, including the eye. Hands or fingers were the part of the body injured in 33% of the incidents. In 21% of the cases, the eye was involved; other parts of the face or head accounted for 21% of the injuries.
- Children ages 5-9 face the highest risk of fireworks injuries. In 2004, 55% of people injured by fireworks were under the age of 20, with 40% of the injuries incurred by those under age 15. The highest injury rate relative to population was for ages 5 to 9, with 2.2 times the risk for the entire population.
- Males accounted for three-fourths (75%) of fireworks injuries.
- From 1998 to 2002, eight people per year, on average, were killed in fires started by fireworks. Six people per year, on average, were killed directly by fireworks.

- In 2003, fires started by fireworks caused \$58 million in direct property damage to structures.

- Based on the amount of time and quantities in use, fireworks pose a higher risk of fire death than any other consumer product.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
United States Fire Administration
National Fire Data Center
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/inside-usfa/nfdc/pubs/ffrs.shtm>

Milwaukee Code of Ordinance 105.47 Fireworks. 1. **SALES, DISCHARGE AND USE PROHIBITED.** No person may sell expose or offer for sale, use, keep or discharge, or explode in this city any firecracker, bottle rocket, cherry bomb, colored smoke bomb, toy cap, blank cartridge, toy pistol or cannon in which explosives are used, contrivances using explosive caps or cartridges, sparklers, display wheels, the type of balloon which requires fire underneath to propel it, torpedoes, sky rockets, Roman candles, aerial salutes, American or Chinese bombs or other fireworks of like construction, or any other fireworks containing any explosives of like construction, or any fireworks containing any explosives of flammable compound, or any tablets or other device commonly used and sold as fireworks containing nitrates, chlorates, oxylates, sulphides of lead, barium, antimony, arsenic, mercury, nitroglycerine, phosphorous, or any compound containing any of the same or other explosives.

If you have any questions regarding fireworks, please call the Safety Division at 414-935-7990.

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Wednesday, July 4, 2007



Washington Park

1859 N. 40th St. (1500N – 4300W)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Annie Jemison, 342-5589
Vice President: Garry Posey, 342-5589

Free, family fun!

10:00am Parade

11:00am Flag Raising

12noon Games

2:00pm Decorated Doll Buggy, Coaster, Bikes and Trikes Contests

9:15pm Fireworks

Schools: Blyden Delany Academy, Burbank, Fairview Lutheran, Grand Ave.,
Hawley, Hi Mount, Metcalfe Park, Neeskara, St. Rose Catholic Academy,
St. Sebastian, Stars Monumental, Story, Urban Waldorf, West Side Academics,
Wisconsin Ave.

2007 THEME: With Liberty and Justice for all

For the latest updates and talent contest information, go to www.mkedcd.org/july4th

Possession and lighting of fireworks **is forbidden** in the City of Milwaukee. **Fines begin at \$175**
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Mitchell Park

2600 W. Pierce St. (600S – 2400W)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: David Yets, 545-7440

Secretary: Judith Santoro, 325-7127

Treasurer: Sam Santoro, Sr., 325-7127

Talent Contest: Frank & Judy Gonzales, 649-9308

Free, family fun!

8:45am School Parade
info: David Yets, 545-7440



10:00am Flag Raising
in front of Domes

Judging of Costume, Bike and Trike
parking lot, 26th & Pierce St.
info: costume-Joni Yets, 545-7440; bike/trike-Kevin & Debra Konieczka, 281-7720



10:00am Judging of Doll Buggy and Coaster
info: Joni Yets, 545-7440

10:30am Games – Children and Adults
band stand, center of park
info: Peter & Carla Schultz, 328-0346



3:00pm Talent Show
band stand, center of park
info: Frank & Nancy Gonzales, 649-9380

6:00 – 9:00pm “DJ Dan Variety” Music of the Year’s
band stand, center of park

9:15pm Fireworks



Schools: Allen-Field, Christ/St. Peter’s Lutheran, Doerfler, Forest Home, Greenfield, Kagel, Kosciuszko, Longfellow, Mitchell, Prince of Peace, St. Anthony, St. Martini Lutheran, Vieau, Walker International

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Enderis Playfield

2978 N. 72nd St. (3700S – 9700W)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Georgianna Baughn, 475-6130
Vice President: Brenda Blum, 732-6565
Secretary: Brian Boeding, 257-0476
Marshal: Warren Braun, 453-7011
Park Chair: Megan Kennedy, 774-0764
Treasurer: Kathy Grothe, 774-1898

Free, family fun!

8:30am Parades Depart from 81st St. School and MGC Church

9:00am Register Doll Buggy, Coasters, Bikes and Trikes

9:15am Flag Raising

9:30am Dignitaries Speak

9:45am Music Concert

9:45am – 12noon Contests Prizes - Games

Schools: Craig Montessori, 81st St., Emerson, Faith Lutheran, Grantosa Dr., French Immersion, German Immersion, Milwaukee School of Languages, Morse, Mother of Good Counsel, 95th St., Northwest Lutheran, Our Lady of Sorrows, 65th St., St. Margaret Mary, St. Vincent Pallotti

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Merrill Playfield

461 N. 35th St.

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Jim Conlon, 344-7137
Vice President: Jim Selep, 345-9599
Secretary: Barbara Bryant, 344-3000

Free, family fun!

8:30 – 9:00am Registration
2801 W. Wisconsin Ave.

9:00 – 10:00am Decorating for Contest

10:00 – 10:15am Parade Line-up & Contest Judging

10:15 – 10:30am Parade from V.E. Carter to Park
2801 W. Wisconsin Ave.
info: Jim Selep, 345-9599

10:30 – 10:45am Pledge and Recognition

10:45am Awards and Ice Cream

11:00 – 11:30am Games and Prizes
info: Angelita Green, 520-7439

11:30am – 12noon Entertainment/Live DJ/Clown Show

12noon Food and Socializing

Schools: St. Rose, Story, Wisconsin Ave.

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McGovern Park

5400 N. 51st Blvd. (5500N – 4700W)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Will Allen, 527-1546
Talent Contest: Marcus Dukes, 442-5819

Free, family fun!

10:30am Parade from 64th and Sheridan to Park
info: Will Allen, 527-1546

11:30am Call to Colors and Flag Raising

11:45am Bike and Trike Contest
info: Lauren Willis, 527-3093

12noon Games and Prizes, Ages 12 & under
info: Karen Parker, 527-1930

12:30pm Mayor Speech

1:00pm Talent Contest
info: Marcus Dukes, 442-5819

9:15pm Fireworks



Schools: Atonement Lutheran, Browning, Bryant, Carleton, Christ Memorial Lutheran, Clemens, Edison, Garden Homes Montessori, Garden Homes Public, Hampton, Hawthorne, John Muir, Kilbourn, Kluge, Lancaster, Mary Queen Martyrs, Mc Nair, Mt. Lebanon Evangelical, Our Lady of Good Hope, Silver Spring, St. Philip Neri, 35th St., Thurston Woods



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Lake Park

3233 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Philip Rozga, 332-4052
Vice President: Michael Dewan, 962-4110
Secretary: Terry Rozga, 332-4052
Park Chair: Giles Daeger, 271-3777
Treasurer: Pat Busalacchi, 963-9162

Free, family fun!

9:00am Parade from Hartford School
Maryland & Hartford Avenues



Parade from Maryland Avenue School
Prospect & Bradford Avenues
info: Philip Rozga, 332-4052

10:00am Boys and Girls Games

11:00am Doll Buggy, Coaster and Tricycle Parade
info: Tony & Pat Busalacchi, 963-9162

11:30am Decorated Bicycle Parade

12noon Sidewalk Chalk Drawing

1:00pm Talent Contest
info: Philip Rozga, 332-4052

9:15pm Fireworks

Schools: Catholic East Elementary, Hartford University, Maryland Ave.

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Dr. M.L. King Park

1531 W. Vliet St. (1400N – 1500W)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Vanessa Key, 444-1952
Marshal: Michell Watts, 344-5600

Free, family fun!

- 11:30am** Face Painting, Carnival Games and Food
info: Vanessa Key, 406-6582 or 444-1952
- 1:00pm** Talent Contest
info: Charles Reese, 736-2468
- 4:00pm** Dance

Schools: Brown Street Academy, Carver Academy, Elm Creative Arts, Garfield Ave.,
Golda Meir, Gospel Lutheran, Hopkins, Keefe Ave., La Follette, Lee, Lloyd,
Mac Dowell Montessori, Milwaukee Education Center, Milwaukee Village School,
Phillis Wheatley, Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts, Sarah Scott, Siefert,
St. Marcus Lutheran, Urban Day, Woodson Academy

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Neighborhood Committee:

President: Ken Krajcik, 803-3822

Jackson Park

3500 W. Forest Home Ave. (2700S – 3900W)

Free, family fun!

8:00am Children Assemble at School for Parade
info: Ceasar Brito, 840-6113

8:30am North Parade Starts at 36th & Mitchell
West Parade Starts at 60th & Oklahoma

9:00am Distribution of Ice Cream

9:00am – 12noon Hobby Exhibition Registration
info: Linda Brito, 840-5543

9:45am Flag Raising Ceremony

10:00am Recognition of Poster Contest Winner

10:05am Children's Games
info: LaVerne Kezman, 321-5108

12noon Doll Buggies, Wagons & Bikes Parade to Stage, Awarding of Prizes
Hobby Judging
info: Kim Krajcik, 645-7951 or 698-3917

1:00pm Talent Show
info: Ken Krajcik, 803-3822 or Kim Krajcik, 645-7951 or 698-3917

1:00 – 2:00pm Hobby Pick Up

9:15pm Fireworks

Schools: Audubon, Blessed Sacrament, Curtin, Fairview, Grant, Honey Creek, Manitoba, Spanish Immersion, Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Adalbert, St. Gregory the Great, St. Rafael Campus

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Alcott Park

3751 S. 97th St. (3700S – 9700W)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Michelle Jaksic, 546-1325
Vice President: Mary Jackson, 329-9057
Marshal: Audrey Norman, 327-4282
Treasurer: Kyle Gramrath-Schwindt, 545-6029
Talent Contest: Mark Kopplin, 541-5943

Free, family fun!

8:30am Parade Assembly
Arrive at the French Immersion School, 3575 S. 88th St.
info: Audrey Norman, 327-4282



9:00am Parade
March to Alcott Park where children will receive their free ice cream.

9:30am Doll Buggy, Bike, Trike and Coaster Wagon
Contest Registration
info: Michelle Jaksic, 546-1325

9:30 – 11:00am Balloon Clown, Kid's Crafts, Kid's Tattoos

10:15am Doll Buggy, Bike, Trike and Coaster Wagon Judging

10:45am Award Presentation for all Contests

11:30am Children's Games

12:30pm Teen Games

1:00pm Adult Games

6:00pm Talent Contest
info: Mark Kopplin, 541-5943



9:15pm Fireworks Ground Display



Schools: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Alcott, Bell, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, St. Matthias

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Gordon Park

1321 E. Locust St. (2800N – 1200E)

Neighborhood Committee:

President: Claudine Lienau, 699-4012
Vice President: Sally Nordstrom, 562-1197
Secretary: Suzanne Zipperer, 332-1337
Treasurer: Paula Gelbke, 265-7825

Free, family fun!



- 9:00am Parade to Gordon Park
- 9:30am Ice Cream & Children's Games
- 10:00am Performance by Milwaukee Public Theater
- 11:15am Decorating Contest
- 1:00pm Talent Contest (kid's only)
- 4:00pm Open Mic (adult's only)
- 9:15pm Fireworks



Schools: Cass St., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gaenslen, Harambee, Holmes, La Esculea Fratney, Lincoln Center, Malcolm X, Messmer Prep, Pierce, St. Philips Lutheran

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