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## Press Release

### **FIREWORKS DISPLAYS SET FOR FRIDAY, JULY 3 AT BINNEY PARK AND GREENWICH POINT PARK**

The Department of Parks and Recreation announces the locations of the two Town Fireworks Displays in celebration of Independence Day. For the tenth consecutive year, the Town will present displays at Binney Park and Greenwich Point Park. Both displays are scheduled for Friday, July 3, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5. The Binney Park Show will start at approximately 9:10 pm and the Greenwich Point Show will begin at approximately 9:35 pm. It is strongly recommended that anyone planning to attend either display and especially the Greenwich Point display arrive early. Please continue reading for additional information.

Spectators wishing to attend the Greenwich Point display must remember that the rules for Greenwich Point access will be the same as usual on the day of the fireworks. The Point will be closed when the maximum number of cars for the available parking spaces has been achieved. Greenwich Point will be closed to vehicular traffic at 8:30 pm, even if the parking capacity has not been reached. Cooperation with the Police will be needed. There will be extra handicapped parking spaces available at Greenwich Point Park. Tailgating will

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not be permitted in Greenwich Point's Parking Lots during and after the display. Cooking is allowed only in regularly designated picnic areas and at Town owned grills. Glassware is not permitted on or within 200 feet of the beach and swimming will not be allowed after sunset. Dogs are not allowed in Greenwich Point Park. Greenwich Point will be closed immediately following the conclusion of the display. As always, spectators are urged to car pool, plan ahead and be patient. Measures will again be taken by Town Safety personnel to provide expert medical coverage, a comfortable environment, and safe and efficient exit from Greenwich Point after the fireworks. These measures will include: a managed parking and traffic flow plan, assistance from G.E.M.S. with medical coverage, and portable lighting at strategic locations around Greenwich Point. Spectators are urged to bring a flashlight. Leaving the Point on bicycles is not advisable, especially for children. Spectators at Greenwich Point will be entertained by a disc jockey stationed near the South Concession area starting at 7:00 pm. The fireworks display will be fired from the corner of Greenwich Point (Bluff Point), well beyond the South Concession Stand. A limited area of the Point will be restricted from public use on the day of the fireworks. This restriction will be enforced. People interested in walking the Point on the day of the show will be required to take a detour around the Bluff Point Area of the Park, and this detour will take them up to Founder's Rock. There will be many areas at Greenwich Point, including the main beach, which will offer exciting views of the dazzling colors that fill the sky. Spectators in boats will enjoy great views from Long Island Sound around the Point.

The Binney Park display will feature the Sound Beach Community Band. They will begin performing at 7:30 pm. They will be located on the Showmobile and this year in

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the area of Binney Park near the flag pole by Sound Beach Avenue. In addition, grills, cooking and open fires will be prohibited in Binney Park.

Police will be available to assist with traffic and pedestrians. Wesskum Wood Road will be closed to traffic by Police by early evening. Handicapped Parking will be available on Binney Park Drive near the tennis courts. Vehicles with appropriate permits must notify the on duty police for assistance.

No open flame candles, sparklers, Chinese Fire Lanterns, or any other kind of fireworks will be permitted at either location. Pets should never be brought to any fireworks display. Information sheets on the Greenwich Point display are available at the Greenwich Point Ticket Booth. Please check our website, [www.greenwichct.org](http://www.greenwichct.org), for information on this and other programs.

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