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### **CITY PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR JUNE 27 FIREWORKS**

Hundreds of thousands of spectators will line the shores of the Detroit River to enjoy the Target Fireworks display, set for Monday, June 27. The City of Detroit is issuing the following information to ensure that spectators of all ages will have a pleasurable time.

#### **CURFEW ENFORCEMENT**

Curfew will be actively enforced in all viewing areas. The curfew is 15 years old and under: 10 p.m.; 16 and 17 years old: 11 p.m. All minors must be accompanied by an adult, 18 years old and older.

#### **LOST CHILDREN**

Parents can find lost children in the following locations:

- Downtown/Hart Plaza - Hart Plaza in Lower Level Office - (313) 628-1150
- Belle Isle - Harbormaster on Inselruhe and Riverbank – (313) 628-2061 or (313) 628-2062
- Southwest Area – Riverside Park, Historic Fort Wayne, and Roosevelt Park at the Southwestern Police District – 4700 W. Fort Street - (313) 596-5300

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### **STREET AND FREEWAY CLOSURES**

The following traffic changes will go into effect during the evening at approximately 6 p.m.:

- No northbound or southbound traffic will be admitted onto Woodward Avenue between Fisher Freeway and Congress except for emergency vehicles, D-DOT and SMART bus coaches.
- Jefferson Avenue will be closed to eastbound and westbound traffic between the Chrysler Freeway (I-375) and Griswold, except for emergency vehicles. All other eastbound vehicles will be routed north onto the Chrysler service drive.
- West Jefferson from Cobo Center westbound will be closed. Parking will be prohibited on West Jefferson, on Civic Center Drive and on Atwater to St. Aubin.
- Outbound traffic will be routed on West Jefferson from the Joe Louis Arena garage to Rosa Parks Boulevard; traffic will then proceed north on Rosa Parks to the freeways.
- Traffic on Gratiot Avenue between I-375 and Randolph will be routed one way northbound only.
- Traffic on Brush between Lafayette and Madison will be routed northeast onto Gratiot or east onto Madison.
- Monroe Street, between Randolph and Woodward Avenue, will be barricaded and closed. Traffic on Monroe between Randolph and I-375 will be routed to travel eastbound only.
- Third Street at West Jefferson will be closed to the public and restricted for emergency vehicle use.
- Fort Street traffic between Cabacier and Rosa Parks Boulevard will be restricted to residents of the Riverfront Towers Apartments/Condominiums.
- Eastbound traffic on Fort Street will be allowed to turn right onto Griswold and proceed to the Lodge Freeway.
- Traffic on Trumbull Avenue between W. Fort and Fisher Freeway will be routed to travel northbound only.
- Traffic on Larned and Congress will be allowed to flow in respective directions, with no southbound turns except vehicles en route to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel via Randolph.
- Michigan Avenue traffic will be westbound only.

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- All traffic proceeding south on Griswold will be directed to the Lodge Freeway, via Congress.
- Eastbound Lafayette traffic will turn right at Griswold and proceed to westbound Congress to northbound Lodge freeway.
- St. Antoine traffic flow will be one way northbound from Atwater after the fireworks display.
- Woodbridge, Franklin, and Atwater between St. Antoine and Rivard will be one way, eastbound throughout the evening.
- Rivard will be one way northbound from Atwater to Lafayette after the fireworks display.
- E. Grand Blvd. will be used for outbound traffic from Belle Isle. Belle Isle traffic will proceed northbound on East Grand Boulevard and eastbound on East Jefferson.
- No parking on West Jefferson between 23rd and St. Anne.
- All the main streets – Michigan, Grand River, Gratiot, E. Grand Blvd. and W. Grand Blvd. – will remain open to allow motorists access to freeways. Woodward will remain open north of the Fisher Freeway service drive.
- Beginning at 4 p.m., surface streets south of Jefferson between Rivard and Chene will be closed to all vehicles but open to pedestrians only. These areas will be swept by the Detroit Police Department, and all vehicles present will be towed.\*\*
- Beginning at 6 p.m., freeways will begin to close.\*\*

\*\* The Detroit Police Department reserves the right to request closure of the freeways and surfaces streets earlier or later, depending on the volume of vehicle traffic.

## **TOWING**

Towed vehicles within the downtown area will be held at 2121 W. Fort near Rosa Parks. Vehicles towed on Belle Isle will remain on the island. Tow lot closes at 1 a.m.

If vehicles were towed within the downtown area, two shuttles will be available to transport owners to their vehicles. Shuttles will leave from Cobo Center – Washington Blvd. & Jefferson, and Jefferson & I-375 (Speedy Gas Station). The shuttle will operate from 9:45 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. The fee for towing is \$75.

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### **VIEWING AREAS**

The following locations have been identified as the best viewing sites:

Hart Plaza

Detroit RiverWalk

Belle Isle (viewing from the MacArthur Bridge will not be permitted)

Historic Fort Wayne

Chene Park, St. Aubin Park, Riverside Park, Mt. Elliot Park, Tri-centennial Park

Owen Park and Erma Henderson Park

#### **Hart Plaza**

- Entry to Hart Plaza will close at 8:30 p.m.
- No tents allowed.
- No alcohol, pets, or contraband (weapons, knives, etc.) will be allowed.
- Flames or fires are prohibited, and cooking is prohibited.
- Reserving an area in excess of the number of people currently in the group is prohibited.
- Coolers and backpacks will be searched.

#### **Belle Isle**

- Belle Isle will still be accessible for normal activity on June 27.
- On Sunday, June 26, the ordinance that limits access to Belle Isle after 10 p.m. will be enforced. No overnight parking or camping will be allowed on June 26.
- Access to Belle Isle begins at 6 a.m. on June 27 until desired capacity is reached. At that time, parking will be allowed on Sunset around to the Strand. No parking will be allowed around the Scott Fountain.
- Free limited parking will be available near the Boat House. Parking on the Casino Paddock \$10 per car and \$20 per recreational vehicle.
- Beginning the evening of Sunday, June 26 until Monday, June 27 at 6 a.m., these streets will be closed: From the Message Board on Sunset, down Fountain Dr., around the Fountain and out the Strand, Casino Way to Sunset, and Picnic Way to the Strand.
- 10' x 10' canopies with no sides are allowed. Canopies larger than 10' x 10' are not allowed.
- Grilling must only take place in designated areas. No portable grills allowed on western tip of Belle Isle.

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### **Riverside Park**

- 10' x 10' canopies with no sides are allowed, Canopies larger than 10x10 are not allowed.
- No alcohol allowed.
- No gas/propane grilling allowed.

### **Historic Fort Wayne**

- Gates open at 4 p.m. and secured parking is available (\$5 per vehicle).
- NO pets, however service animals are welcome.
- For this event - NO barbecues, fires, alcoholic beverages, or glass containers allowed.
- NO fishing or swimming is permitted.
- Spectators are encouraged to stay at least 15 feet from the river's edge.

### **Detroit RiverWalk**

- Entry into specific viewing areas will be closed based on occupancy and public safety
- Reserving an area in excess of the number of people currently in the group is prohibited.
- RiverWalk will close at 1 p.m. (Between Third and Bates only).
- No alcohol, pets or contraband will be allowed.
- Coolers and backpacks will be searched.
- Flames or fires are prohibited.
- No tents allowed.

### **Cobo Center**

- No tailgating or fireworks viewing from Cobo Roof parking
- No loitering allowed.

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### **TRANSPORTATION – DETROIT PEOPLE MOVER**

The Detroit People Mover will operate from 6:30 a.m. – 1 a.m. The fare is 50 cents per ride, and children ages five and under ride free. For more information, go online to [www.thepeoplesmover.com](http://www.thepeoplesmover.com) or call (313) 224-2160.

### **MUNICIPAL PARKING**

Motorists are advised to observe parking restrictions. Parking violators will be ticketed, and in some instances, vehicles may be towed.

The Municipal Parking Department (MPD) will boot and tow vehicles that are in violation and may compromise the public health and safety:

Improper parking includes vehicles within 20 feet from crosswalk; within 15 feet from an intersection, within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic control device; and within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. MPD also will ticket vehicles parked in a handicap zone (without proper credentials), fire lane, no parking zones, and in no standing zones.

### **Parking Facilities and Lots**

With a price of \$10 per day, the following City-owned garages and lots will be open. Fireworks viewing from any parking facility is prohibited. Also, tailgating is not allowed.

- Ford Underground Garage (30 E. Jefferson) 6 a.m. – 1 a.m.
- Joe Louis Arena Garage (900 W. Jefferson) 8 a.m. – 1 a.m.
- Millennium Garage (432 W. Congress) 6 a.m. – 1 a.m.
- Premier Garage (1206-018 Woodward Ave.) 24 hours and 7 days
- Cadillac/Farmer Lot (1025 Farmer) 6 a.m. – 1 a.m.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

Residents must take steps to ensure their family is prepared for a possible emergency. Important items to have ready include:

- A battery powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, medicines, non-perishable food, and first-aid supplies.
- For more information on family preparedness visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)