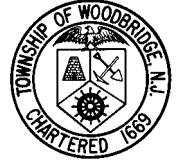


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## **Mayor McCormac Announces Woodbridge Independence Day Fireworks Celebration Set for Thurs., July 3 at Sewaren Waterfront**

Reminder That Private Use of Fireworks is Illegal... WPD Set to  
Enforce State Law...

**Woodbridge – KABOOM!!!! FIREWORKS ALONG THE WOODBRIDGE  
WATERFRONT!!! COME CELEBRATE AN EVENING DEDICATED TO AMERICA  
AND HER HEROS ON THURS., JULY 3 AT ALVIN P. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PARK  
IN SEWAREN!!!**

Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that the annual Woodbridge Township Independence Day celebration and fireworks display gets underway on **Thurs., July 3 at 4:00 p.m.** when gates open at the Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park at the Sewaren waterfront. The 2008 Independence Day celebration is sponsored by the Township of Woodbridge, the "We Share, We Care Foundation and Royal Albert's Palace.

The celebration gets underway with sounds of the Party Dolls at 7:30 p.m., followed by the "Bringing the Night to Life" fireworks display choreographed to music. The National Anthem will be performed live by Woodbridge's own Patty Romano, the winner of the 2008 Woodbridge Idol contest.

Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park will be closed during the day to allow for the fireworks set-up. The gates will open to the public at 4:00 p.m. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnics are encouraged. There is no reserved seating and no alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park. In case of inclement weather call the Woodbridge Township Department of Recreation at 732-602-6045.

“I am extremely excited to announce that Woodbridge Township and the ‘We Share, We Care’ Foundation are again sponsoring the Independence Day fireworks display and entertainment event along the Woodbridge waterfront,” Mayor McCormac said. “Woodbridge Township is home to dozens of military personnel currently serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan and to military veterans who served and protected America’s freedom and democracy in conflicts around the world... it is to those brave military personnel and veterans that we dedicate this year’s Independence Day celebration.”

The Woodbridge Township fireworks display and entertainment event draws thousands of residents to the Sewaren waterfront and is an extraordinary celebration of place and country. The fireworks display is presented by Pyrotecnico Fireworks and is certain to top all other area displays with over 12 thousand shots fired electronically by computers and synchronized to a wide selection of patriotic and contemporary music.

In announcing the July 3 professional fireworks display at the Sewaren waterfront, Mayor McCormac reminded residents and visitors that all types of fireworks are illegal in Woodbridge Township and throughout New Jersey. Under the state Fireworks Regulation Law, it is a crime to sell, use and/or possess any kind of fireworks, including firecrackers, roman candles, M80’s, cherry bombs, salutes, and sparklers.

Throughout the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend, the Woodbridge Police Department will be on patrol in areas of the Township where illegal fireworks were detonated last year. Additionally, the WPD will respond to all complaints or instances where the use of illegal fireworks jeopardizes public safety. Anyone who possesses and/or detonates illegal fireworks is subject to arrest. Possession of illegal fireworks is a Disorderly Persons Offense and is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 30 days in jail. Possession with Intent to Sell Fireworks is a Fourth Degree crime, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or up to 18 months in jail. Possession of Destructive Devices is a Third Degree crime with fines of up to \$10,000 and incarceration of up to three to five years in jail.

“Illegal fireworks are extremely dangerous. Each year, dozens of individuals are seriously injured and maimed while setting-off illegal fireworks. Let’s celebrate America’s birthday safely and legally. Leave the fireworks to the professionals,” said Mayor McCormac.