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## **With Sponsors Help, July 4 Fireworks Ready for Launch!** *30,000 Expected Downtown for spectacular display*

**DELAWARE** – An estimated 30,000 spectators are expected downtown to view Delaware’s annual fireworks display Wednesday, July 4. The half-hour show will cap an Independence Day in Delaware that includes a parade and free outdoor concert.

Byers Auto Group, Meijer and OhioHealth again are the main sponsors of the fireworks show. Each renewed pledges – Byers as the Presenting Sponsor, Meijer as the Grand Finale Sponsor, and OhioHealth as the Community Spirit Sponsor – for the July 4 spectacle.

The City sets a \$25,000 fundraising goal each year for fireworks, while using City funds to pay for public safety and traffic control for the day’s activities. Ohio Wesleyan supports the events with public safety services and logistical help.

Also supporting the show with donations this year are JEG’s Automotive, the Delaware Fraternal Order of Eagles, American Structurepoint, CT Consultants, Scioto Energy, PPG and First Commonwealth Bank.

“Our community is truly blessed to have partners like this, who step forward to ensure this annual tradition,” Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle said. “I hope everyone will take time to thank the sponsors for their generosity.”

Prior to fireworks, the Central Ohio Symphony will perform its traditional outdoor concert on the Ohio Wesleyan University campus beginning at 7:30 pm. The day once again gets started with the annual parade, beginning at 3 pm. and sponsored by Citizens for The 4th. Parade and concert information is available in the Calendar at [delawareohio.net](http://delawareohio.net).

As in past years, fireworks viewing will be available on the Ohio Wesleyan athletic fields and parking lots along Henry Street, between Wilmer Street and Olentangy Avenue.

The “City of Delaware Community Fund,” for fireworks remains active. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the fund, care of the Delaware County Foundation, 3954 N. Hampton Dr., Powell, 43065.

## **Wednesday, July 4 Schedule**

### **EVENTS:**

3 pm – Delaware 4th of July parade, starting from fairgrounds

7:30 pm – Central Ohio Symphony's concert, at Phillips Glen, Ohio Wesleyan

10 pm – Fireworks

### **STREET CLOSURES:**

The above events will result in intermittent street closures, including but not limited to:

- Pennsylvania Ave east from the fairgrounds; Sandusky St south through the downtown to Wilmer St and Henry Street – 3-4 pm
- Henry Street between Wilmer and William streets as the parade concludes – 4-4:30 pm
- Parade: No Parking permitted July 4 from 1-5 pm on the following streets:
  - Pennsylvania Ave. from N Liberty St to N Sandusky St
  - Sandusky St from Spring St to Marshall Ct/Hayes Building
- Hayes St off Henry Street - 2 pm to fireworks conclusion
- Henry St between Olentangy and Wilmer streets - 6 pm to fireworks conclusion\*
- Henry Street between Selby Stadium and William Street
  - 6-7:30 pm – Henry Street will remain open north and southbound until the Central Ohio Symphony concert starts.
  - 7:30 pm – Henry Street north and southbound lanes will close at William Street\*
- Fireworks: No parking permitted July 4 on the following streets:
  - Henry St from William St to Olentangy Ave from 7 am-midnight
  - Wilmer St, Harrison St, Wooring St & Weiser Ave from Sandusky St to Henry St for 3 pm-midnight
  - Olentangy Ave from Sandusky St to Armstrong Rd from 7 am-12 midnight
  - Stratford Rd from Olentangy Ave to 200 ft south of Olentangy Ave 7 am-midnight
  - Hayes St, entire length 7 am-midnight
  - Armstrong Road entire length
  
- The bikeway bridge over US23 will be open before and after the fireworks show; the bridge will be closed during the show and will not be available as a viewing spot.

**\*Closures may be made earlier, depending on pedestrian volumes.**

### **PARKING:**

Phillips Hall will be open for handicap parking for Central Ohio Symphony concertgoers. Lots at the Schimmel/Conrades Science Center, Meek Aquatics and Recreation Center, and Margaret Sagan softball field will be closed for fireworks preparation and viewing.

### **FOOD:**

Food vendors will be set up on Hayes Street and begin serving about 5 pm.

**RESTROOMS:**

Portable toilets will be available on Hayes Street, outside the Meek Center, and outside Margaret Sagan softball field. Selby Field restrooms will be open until 10 pm.

**CLOSINGS:**

City offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4. Residential refuse, recycling and yard waste crews operate on the “next day” collection schedule for the week, beginning Thursday, July 5, and continue through Saturday, July 7. Questions concerning the collection schedule may be directed to the Customer Service Request Line at 740-203-1810.