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Greenfield sets Independence Day Celebration for Sunday

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GREENFIELD — The town is gearing up for its annual Fourth of July Celebration on Beacon Field, and this year town officials say it's going to be the best yet.

The celebration will begin at 4 p.m. on Beacon Field and will end with a fireworks display beginning at 9:35 p.m.

Recreation Department Director Christy Moore said there will be all types of vendors and entertainment throughout the day and evening.

She said Atlas PyroVision Productions Inc. of Jaffrey, N.H. will provide the fireworks display and has promised to give a "fantastic" show.

"The one during the Winter Carnival was great and this one is going to be longer and even better," said Moore.

She said the town did not collect donations for the event this year, as it has done each year in the past. That is because the town came to an agreement with Atlas this year, after learning last year that Greenfield had been short-changed by the company for several years.

Moore said the town is paying \$4,500 for 1,338 shells this year. Last year, the company shot about half of that, with 672 shells, though the town was supposed to get more than 1,300.

Mayor William Martin said he expects the fireworks will be spectacular this year.

"Atlas is making good with the town," said Martin.

The rain date for the event is Monday, said Moore.

She said some people have asked why the celebration will be on Sunday, instead of on the Fourth of July.

“The Fourth of July is the busiest day of our year at the swimming area,” said Moore. “There are two of us in the department and we will be there all day.”

Moore said it happens about once a decade that the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday and the town has to make the decision to celebrate it the following day.

“We’re at the swimming area at 4:30 on the Fourth of July morning and we don’t leave there until night,” she said. “We just wouldn’t have time to set up for a huge celebration on Beacon Field, too. We can’t be two places at once.”

Music schedule

There will be mixed music from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and at 5:30, Jessica LaCoy will take the stage.

At 6:15, Ethan Tolbert’s band Howlie will play and at 7:10, the Fortin Family Award will be given.

Appalachian Still will play at 7:15 and Greenfield Military Band will take the stage at 8:30.

Gretchen Tucker will sing the National Anthem at 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to check for cancellation due to weather, call 413-772-1553 or visit: www.greenfieldrecreation.com. Also visit Greenfield Recreation Department on Facebook or follow it on Twitter.

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