

GREENFIELD

Rec Department looks to raise another \$5K for fireworks

Independence Day celebration set for Saturday, July 6

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GREENFIELD — As the annual Independence Day fireworks show approaches this weekend, the city's Recreation Department is looking to raise the last \$5,000 needed to meet its \$20,000 goal.

Recreation Director Christy Moore said she hopes the department will be able to raise the final \$5,000 in the time leading up to the event and through donation collections at the event itself.

"Our community usually comes together to cover this, but obviously we need to encourage people — even if it's \$20, \$25, it all adds up," Moore said. "Any amount is greatly appreciated."

"We hope everyone can join us for this year's fireworks celebration and, if interested, consider donating to support our Recreation Department," Mayor Ginny Desorgher said in a statement.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, July 6, starting at 4 p.m. at Beacon Field. The festivities will feature music from various local bands leading up to the fireworks show scheduled for 9:35 p.m. There will also be food vendors selling ice cream, cotton candy, popcorn and more.

"It's really just about

bringing family and friends and the community together to eat the maybe not-so-healthy food but just enjoy everybody's company and listen to music," Moore said. "It's really one of the most amazing fireworks shows around. People come from all over Franklin County and beyond to celebrate here."

The Recreation Department put on a Cornhole Tournament and indoor mini golf event to raise money for the Independence Day festivities, while also securing sponsorship from several local businesses, including Gilmore & Farrell Insurance and Greenfield Savings Bank.

"Supporting this celebration helps ensure that it will continue on and become bigger and better every year," said Greenfield Communications Director Matthew Conway.

The schedule of events includes something for everyone, Conway added, with the focus being on "making inclusive and very family-friendly events for everyone."

"The Recreation Department, they turn every event into a momentous occasion," Conway said.

The rain date for the Independence Day festivities will be Sunday, July 7. The schedule for the event is as follows:

- 4 p.m. — Mixed music.
- 5:15 p.m. — Steve Ellis of AfterGlo.
- 6 p.m. — Dead Collective.
- 7:10 p.m. — Presentation of the Fortin Family Award.
- 7:15 p.m. — Wildcat



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Hundreds gather at Beacon Field to watch fireworks launch from Poet's Seat Tower in 2018. This year's Independence Day celebration will be held on Saturday, July 6.

O'Halloran Band.

■ 8:30 p.m. — Greenfield Military Band.

■ 9:30 p.m. — National anthem, performed by Adelaide Ehle.

■ 9:35 p.m. — Fireworks.

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