

GREENFIELD

Recreation Dept. seeks donations for Independence Day celebration



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Robert Perry checks out the rows of tubes that make up the Greenfield fireworks finale just before dark at Poet's Seat Tower in July 1996.



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The Greenfield Military Band entertains the crowd gathered to watch the Greenfield fireworks in July 1993.

The Greenfield Recorder is in the process of sorting through its photo archives. Timed with the upcoming Independence Day holiday, here are some staff file photos from celebrations in the 1990s.

Staff Report

GREENFIELD — The Recreation Department and other city officials have begun collecting donations toward the \$18,000 needed for this year's Independence Day celebration, to be held July 2.

Collections will take place through Wednesday, June 30, from noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. at the intersection of Main and Federal streets, according to a Recreation Department press release.

"I am thrilled the Greenfield fireworks are back this year and know this event only happens with tremendous support from event sponsors and the community," Mayor Roxann Wedegartner said in the release.

The Recreation Department also recently announced the lineup of events for the celebration at Beacon Field.

■ 4 p.m. — Mixed music

■ 5:15 p.m. — Performance by Pizazz Dance Studio

■ 6 p.m. — Performance by Barely Standing

■ 7:10 p.m. — Presentation of the Fortin Family Award, which is given to families who volunteer for the Recreation Department

■ 7:15 p.m. — Performance by She Said

■ 8:30 p.m. — Performance by the Greenfield Military Band

■ 9:30 p.m. — Eliza Toponce sings the national anthem

■ 9:35 p.m. — Fireworks

A rain date is scheduled for Monday, July 5.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Recreation Department or City Hall, or mailed to: Greenfield Recreation Fireworks Fund, 20 Sanderson St., Greenfield, MA 01301. For more details, call 413-772-1553 or visit the Recreation Department's website at greenfieldrecreation.com.



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The finale of the Greenfield fireworks in July 1993. Poet's Seat Tower is visible beneath them.