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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

Be Aware! Street closures for the return of Muscatine's Fourth of July Celebration

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Fourth of July festivities in Downtown Muscatine will mean restricted access to certain streets and changes in traffic patterns throughout the day on Tuesday (July 4). The weather forecast promises intervals of clouds and sunshine with a high temperature of 88 degrees, which will mean a near perfect day filled with family fun in celebration of our Independence Day.

CHILDREN'S DRESS-UP PARADE

The day begins with the Musser Public Library and HNI Community Center's Fourth of July Children's Dress-up Parade.

Muscatine's
4th of JULY
Tuesday, July 4, 2023

- 9 AM KIDS PARADE** *Downtown Muscatine*
Kids are encouraged to dress in red, white & blue or their favorite character as they walk from Pine Street down 2nd Street to the Musser Public Library!
- 4 PM COMMUNITY PARADE** *Downtown Muscatine*
Join us in Downtown Muscatine for our community parade! This year's theme is "National Treasure"
- 5 PM ALMOST FIREWORKS FEST** *Riverfront*
Party on the riverfront with food trucks, beverage tents, kids activities and live music from Australian band - Kings & Associates!
- 7:45 PM COLONEL CANDICE FROST** *AFF Stage*
Muscatine native and former Commander of US Army Cyber Command, Colonel Candice Frost, is our special guest for the evening!
- 8:00 PM CHINOOK FLYOVER**
Look up to the sky as the Iowa National Guard does a flyover in their chinook helicopters!
- 8:10 PM HONOR GUARD** *Pearl City Station*
- 8:10 PM MUSCATINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** *Pearl City Station*
Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the talented Muscatine Symphony Orchestra performing in front of the Pearl City Station leading up to the fireworks show!
- DUSK FIREWORKS DISPLAY** *Riverfront*
View our fireworks show from the riverfront!



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Children, and their caregivers, can dress up as their favorite book character, wear red, white, and blue, or come as you are for this parade through Downtown Muscatine. Those participating are asked to meet in the parking lot at West 2nd and Pine streets prior to the 9 a.m. start. A colorful cast of characters will be on hand to lead the parade down 2nd Street to the Musser Public Library for a book and popsicle.

No traffic restrictions are planned for this parade but those who may be driving through Downtown Muscatine are asked to be alert and aware of the children's parade between 9 and 10 a.m.

GMCCI COMMUNITY PARADE

The Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GMCCI) Community Parade will have entries marching down Iowa Avenue to East 2nd Street to Walnut Street, and finishing on East 5th Street starting at 4 p.m. Staging and check in for the parade will begin at 2 p.m. at Fulliam and Iowa (Iowa Field).

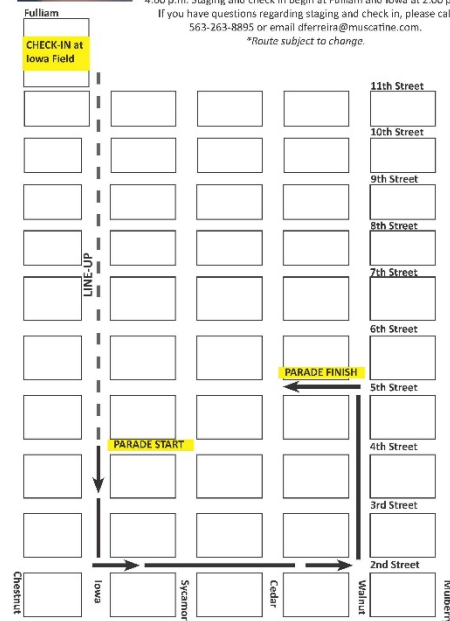
Side-street intersections with Iowa Avenue from Fulliam to 2nd Street will be closed to traffic at 2 p.m. Tuesday. However, the intersections of 8th and Iowa along with 5th and Iowa will remain open until the parade begins.

Side-street intersections will reopen once the parade participants and citizens watching the parade have dispersed.



MUSCATINE'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE ROUTE

The parade is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4, 2023 beginning promptly at 4:00 p.m. Staging and check in begin at Fulliam and Iowa at 2:00 p.m. If you have questions regarding staging and check in, please call 563-263-8895 or email dferreira@muscatine.com.
*Route subject to change.



RIVERSIDE PARK RESTRICTIONS AND TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES



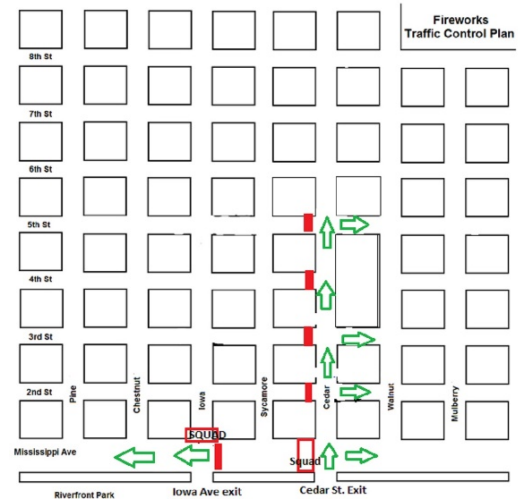
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The downriver boat launch inside Riverside Park will be closed to the public Monday and Tuesday (July 3-4). Parking will also be restricted in the downriver end of Riverside Park with Almost Fireworks Fest from 5-8 p.m., the presentation by the Honor Guard and a performance by the Muscatine Symphony Orchestra in front of Pearl City Station at 8 p.m., and then Fireworks Over the Mighty Mississippi at dusk.

The traffic pattern for those exiting Riverside Park following the fireworks display will be:

- From the Iowa Avenue exit at the riverfront, all traffic will be directed left (west) on Mississippi Drive. Iowa Avenue will be blocked off on the town side of the intersection.
- From the Cedar Street exit at the riverfront, all traffic will be directed straight (north) or right (east) on all intersections from Mississippi Drive through 5th Street. No left (west) turns will be permitted on Mississippi Drive, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, or 5th Street.



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