



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: June 11, 2024

Subject: 4th of July Road Closures

Recommendation

Approve temporary street closures and traffic mitigation for July 4th activities in Downtown and at the Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium July 4 - 6, 2024.

Background

For years, the city held an Annual Fireworks Spectacular on Lake Elsinore, which included a "View by Boat" fireworks show over the lake. Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. located in Rialto, California provided services. Pyro Spectaculars also performs the same service for many surrounding communities including Diamond Stadium. This necessitated the development of a Road Closure in the downtown area of Lake Elsinore that eased traffic congestion before, during, and after the fireworks show taking place on the "T Peninsula". The pattern has been reviewed by the Engineering Department and is attached (Attachment 1 – Traffic Control Map).

This year, the City will be bringing "The World Largest Rubber Duck" to Lake Elsinore as part of the July 4th festivities at Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium, which is expected to bring thousands of spectators to the area to see the Duck (and Baby Duck), a special photo opportunity and show for Jeep vehicles, bands, entertainment, and food July 4th, 5th, and 6th. As part of the safety protocols, entry onto Peter Lehr Street (north side of the Stadium) will be closed to vehicular traffic starting Wednesday, July 3rd, through Saturday, July 6th, for safe viewing of the Duck (Attachment 2 - Rubber Duck Road Closures – Pete Lehr).

Discussion

The Sherriff's Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Community Services Department will coordinate resources to ensure the festivities of the Fireworks Show are a fun and safe event. As the program has expanded year after year, in order to ensure the safety of the participants, staff is recommending the street closures identified on Attachments 1 and Attachment 2 that will be enforced with a combination of City Public Works staff and Law Enforcement.

Fiscal Impact

Expenditures are included in Community Services and Public Works budgets.

Attachments

Attachment 1- 2024 4th of July Traffic Control Plan Map
Attachment 2 - Rubber Duck Closure Map – Pete Lehr

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