

Flagler Beach Fireworks and Parade Schedule on July 4, 2015

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Flagler Beach's epic fireworks show has been a city favorite roughly since the Middle Ages. (© FlaglerLive)

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Independence Day fireworks in Flagler Beach this year—2015— will be held on Saturday, July 4, at 9:15 p.m., off the Flagler Beach Pier. Flagler Beach's Holiday Parade, "Stars and Stripes Forever," will begin at 10 a.m., rain or shine. The parade is sponsored by the Flagler Beach Rotary. [A parade entry form is available here](#). The deadline is July 1.

Palm Coast fireworks are scheduled for Friday, July 3, at Central Park in Town Center, at 9 p.m. See further below for details.

Flagler Beach will be hosting a two-day celebration Friday and Saturday. As was the case last year, Flagler Beach city government will be running the event. Before 2013, the event was organized by the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and Affiliates. City staffers and city commissioners have teamed up to bring dozens of vendors and (last year) some \$16,000 in fees and sponsorships. The vendors will be lined up in the core section of Flagler Beach over the two-day event.

July 3 this year coincides with Flagler Beach's monthly First Friday celebration. Friday's events will feature music by the Navy Band from 5 to 7 p.m. and by Beach Street A Go-Go, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Independence Day events on July 4 will focus on the traditional children's and musical activities around Veterans' Park, with a celebration 5K starting at 7 a.m. at Betty Steflik Park, Music by DJ Vern, Sand Tunes, and Twisted Vibes, the corn hole tournament at 1 p.m., the watermelon eating contest at 4 p.m., and more.

Keep in mind, the annual Miss Flagler County Scholarship pageant has moved from the Flagler Auditorium to Veterans Park this year, with the main event, the ages 16-23 category, taking place at 6 p.m. on July 4. On Sunday, July 5, the pageant will start at 6 p.m. and will feature Little Miss Flagler County ages 5-7, Little Miss Flagler County ages 8-11, and Miss Junior Flagler County ages 12-15.

Palm Coast will have its own Independence Day fireworks show at Town Center's Central Park. That one will take place on Friday, July 3, at 9 p.m. It will be preceded by a party around the lake, with music, games, beer, burgers and hot dogs, hosted by the Flagler Education Foundation, and Beach 92.7 FM and Kix Country 98.7 FM, the Palm Coast radio stations. Frozen T-shirt contests, whipped-cream pie-eating contests, hula hoop, water balloons and other games will take place on the Central Park stage.

There is no gate fee, no parking fees, no seating fee. Bring your own cooler, fill it with beer and other drinks: that, too, is allowed. Bring chairs, bring blankets, bring your pop-up tent, bring your Kindle.

Pre-fireworks family fun will be provided by the Flagler Education Foundation from 5-9 p.m. at Central Park. The evening will include live entertainment, family fun and games, free prizes, music, dancing and a cookout, a frozen T-shirt contests, whipped cream battles and other games.

The Fireworks in the Park celebration is produced by Palm Coast, Flagler Education Foundation, and Beach 92.7, with the fireworks funded by a grant from the county's Tourist Development Council. Proceeds from the pre-fireworks event will benefit Flagler School programs and scholarships.

The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m., with patriotic music broadcast on Beach 92.7. While most people will gather at Central Park, thousands of others can see the fireworks from area parking lots and backyards.

Sponsors and exhibitors for the pre-fireworks event are being coordinated by Beach 92.7; contact Greg Otte at 386/437-1992, Ext. 218, for more information. Food and drink vendors should contact Deborah Williams at the Flagler Education Foundation at 386/437-7526, Ext. 3125.

For more information about Fireworks in the Park, contact Palm Coast Parks and Recreation at 386/986-2323.

Palm Coast first held [a fireworks show of its own in 2010](#). The Palm Coast fireworks are never scheduled on the same day as Flagler Beach's so as to preserve the iconic nature of the beach town's signature event.

Palm Coast also has a July 4 event: On Saturday, it will hold its "By Dawn's Early Light" ceremony at 8 a.m. at Heroes Memorial Park, 2860 Palm Coast Pkwy, near the Flagler County Library. Guest speakers will be Ted St. Pierre, past president of the Sons of the American Revolution, Flagler Chapter, and Palm Coast Mayor Jon Netts. Others will read parts of the Declaration of Independence.

The Palm Coast Community Band will perform The Star-Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful. There'll be a performance of the "Spirit of '76" with fife and drum. Deputy Palm Coast Fire Chief Jerry Forte will present the story of the National Anthem. The presentation of colors will be done by the Palm Coast Fire Department Honor Guard.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at nearby Fire Station 21, 9 Corporate Drive.

Flagler Beach Parade and Other Activities

Parade line-up or staging takes place on Daytona Avenue North between 8 and 10 a.m.

The parade route: east on North 6th Street, south on A1A, west on S. 6th Street, north on South Daytona Avenue.

The parade will take place, rain or shine. (If there's heavy rain at 9 p.m., fireworks won't go off.)

Parade awards, sponsored by the Flagler Beach Rotary Club, include Best of Parade, Judges' Choice, Best Marching Unit, Best Float, Best Stars & Stripes Forever Theme. One trophy for Best of Parade and 1st, 2nd and 3rd trophies will be presented for other categories. Winners will be chosen during line up and trophies given out as the entry passes the A Frame at the Pier.

Parking, as always in Flagler Beach, is catch as catch can.

An important traffic note from Flagler County Assist REACT: "For those going to the July 4th Flagler Beach Fireworks please note that right after the fireworks traffic approaching State Road 100 from the north and south will likely be forced west on SR 100 by the Police. This is the fastest way to clear traffic out of the city. No exceptions are made. If you must keep going north or south, plan to head west on State Road 100 to the first place you can turn around and then head back to A1A. Please plan accordingly or avoid the area. As soon as the worst of the traffic is cleared it will go back to normal. Typically this is between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m."

A Note on Private Fireworks:

While fireworks are sold in Florida, it is illegal for people without a permit to set off fireworks other than sparklers. The rule comes down to this: "If it leaves the ground where it explodes, it's considered an illegal firework in the state of Florida," says Palm Coast Fire Chief Mike Beadle. That also applies to firecrackers that go boom.

Exceptions apply in narrow circumstances, as when farmers use firecrackers to scare off birds and protect vegetation or fisheries, says Palm Coast Fire Marshal Jeff Pattee. Palm Coast passed its own ordinance setting out restrictions and prohibitions on fireworks. That ordinance, Pattee said, is almost identical to state law on the matter. That law [may be read here](#).

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