

## Flagler Beach Fireworks Schedule for July 4, Palm Coast on July 5 in Town Center

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Flagler Beach's epic fireworks show has been a city favorite roughly since the Middle Ages. Click on the image for larger view. (© FlaglerLive)

Independence Day fireworks in Flagler Beach this year—2013— will be held on Thursday, July 4, at 9 p.m., off the Flagler Beach Pier, as always. Flagler Beach's Holiday Parade will begin at 10 a.m. The parade is sponsored by the Flagler Beach Rotary.

Flagler Beach will actually be hosting a three-day celebration, starting Thursday and running through Saturday. For the first time in years, Flagler Beach city government will be running the event, taking over for the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and Affiliates. City staffers and city commissioners have teamed up to bring dozens of vendors and some \$16,000 in fees and sponsorships. The vendors will be lined up in the core section of Flagler Beach over the three-day event.

Independence Day events on July 4 will focus on the traditional children's and musical activities around Veterans' Park. Friday, following the farmer's market (from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.), it'll be First Friday's celebrations as the park will again be filled with musical performances and a kids' zone, culminating with a concert by the 40-piece U.S. Navy Band. Saturday will follow a similar pattern, with music, vendors and children's activities in the band, culminating at 5 p.m. with a performance by Band of Outlawz.

**Palm Coast will have its own Independence Day fireworks** show at Town Center's Central Park. That one will take place on Friday, July 5, 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 County Rotary and Beach 92, the Palm Coast radio station. There is

no gate fee. Bring your own cooler, fill it with beer and other drinks: that, too, is allowed. Bring chairs, bring blankets, bring [a few dozen shades of gray](#) as long as you're at it.

### **Here's the schedule for Town Center's party:**

4pm – Music Around The Lake With Beach 92.7 FM  
5pm – Kix Country 98.7 Music With Kevin Kane & Jenielle  
6pm – Fun, Games & Prizes With DJ Vern  
6:30 – Martial Arts Demonstration, Moo Do Academy  
7:15 – Belly Dancing, Enchanted Caravan  
7:45 – Brusters Ice Cream Eating Contest  
8pm – Limbo & Hoola Hoop Contest & Prizes  
9pm – Welcome: Mayor Jon Netts, Rotary president and the National Anthem sung by Abby Romaine  
Then: FIREWORKS.

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 Thursday, 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 Ronald Stark, 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. Musical guest Nevaeh will perform the National Anthem and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. A quartet of the Flagler Youth Orchestra will present a patriotic musical performance. 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," "Most Original," "Best Marching Unit" and "Best Depicting Theme." Judging takes place before the parade. Trophies are awarded in Veteran's Park immediately following the parade.

Many other activities will follow, including, at 1 p.m., the Fourth Annual Tiny Tiki & Lil' Kahuna when 3- to 5-year-old will dance the hula, strike a favorite 'surfing pose' and otherwise ham it up for the audience. Every child who participates is a winner and leaves with a goody bag. (Registration is limited to 20 boys and 20 girls.)

### **Here's the day's full line-up for Thursday, July 4, 2013, in Flagler Beach:**

7 a.m. 5K Run or Walk at Betty Steflik Park  
9 a.m.-11 p.m. Food and craft vendors everywhere  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Kids' Zone  
10 a.m. Independence Day Parade  
11 a.m. Cornhole Competition  
12 p.m. Tiny Tiki/Lil' Kahuna Event  
2 p.m. Music by Cesar Romero  
3 p.m. Watermelon Eating Competition  
4 p.m. Music by Tarnished Halo  
6 p.m. Music by David Lane Band  
9 p.m. Fireworks  
9:30 p.m. David Lane Band again

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](#).

#### **See Also:**

- [The 2012 edition](#)



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