

# Flagler Beach Fireworks and Parade Schedule on July 4, 2017

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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—2016— will be held on Monday, July 4, at 9:15 p.m., off the Flagler Beach Pier. Flagler Beach's Holiday Parade 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. The theme this year is "Land of the Free."

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

Flagler Beach will be hosting a *four-day* celebration this weekend, starting with First Friday on July 1, and the three-day July 4 weekend following that. This year Flagler Beach city government will not be running the event. The city contracted the July 4 festivities to Charlie Michaux of Parent Magazine (in exchange for \$500 a day), with vendors to be spread in and around Veterans Park.

Friday's events will feature music by Soul Fire.

Independence Day events starting on July 2 will focus on the traditional children's and musical activities around Veterans' Park—Lil' Kahuna and Miss Tiny Tiki, hoola hoop contests, martial arts exhibitions, the corn hole tournament (on July 3), DJ Vern providing music along with live bands such as Class of 1969 and Endless Summer. Saturday night there's a movie in the park, "Captain America." [See the full schedule here.](#)

As was the case last year, the annual Miss Flagler County Scholarship pageant, formerly at the Flagler Auditorium, will be held at Veterans Park, taking place at 6 p.m. on July 3.

Note: The Flagler Beach Police Department is requesting that aerial drones and floating sky lanterns stay grounded this weekend. The increased use of aerial drones by the public over the past few years, along with the release of numerous floating sky lanterns after last year's fireworks presentation, has prompted this request.

"One of the most efficient methods used by Law Enforcement to address the egress of traffic associated with large events like the Fourth of July, is a helicopter serving as our 'eye in the sky,'" said Flagler Beach Police Captain Matt Doughney. "The helicopter allows us to identify traffic problems in real time and create solutions that are not easily recognizable at ground level."

In cases requiring an emergency response by Fire Flight, the helicopter may be required to land in a public area or near the beach. Flying drones in or near an emergency helicopter pose a risk to the pilot as well as the general public and under FAA guidelines, unless you have a permit, they're unlawful in Flagler Beach due to our close proximity to Flagler County Airport. "While the floating sky lanterns may look beautiful, they create a serious conflict with airspace," Doughney said. "The last thing we need is a pilot dodging flaming lanterns!"

**Palm Coast will have its own Independence Day fireworks** show at Town Center's Central Park. That one will take place on Sunday, July 3, at 9 p.m. Starting around 5:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a party around the lake with live entertainment, family fun and games, free prizes, music, dancing, bounce houses, and a cookout. Beach 92.7FM and Kix Country 98.7FM will provide music and entertainment. 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.

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.

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 Monday, 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 Nikki and Larry White of The American Flag Project and Palm Coast Mayor Jon Netts. Elected officials from Palm Coast and Flagler County will take part in a reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Palm Coast Community Band will perform The Star-Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, and God Bless America. 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](#).

### See Also:

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