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Yorktown Fireworks Set to Sparkle over the York River on July 4th!

Watch the spectacular show from two prime viewing locations

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Beginning at 9:15 p.m. on July 4th, fireworks will light up the sky over the York River in an annual community tradition. ***The best places to view the show are along the Yorktown waterfront and at the Victory Monument on Main Street.*** Due to the expected crowd, there are policies and procedures in place to make it an enjoyable experience for all those who visit.

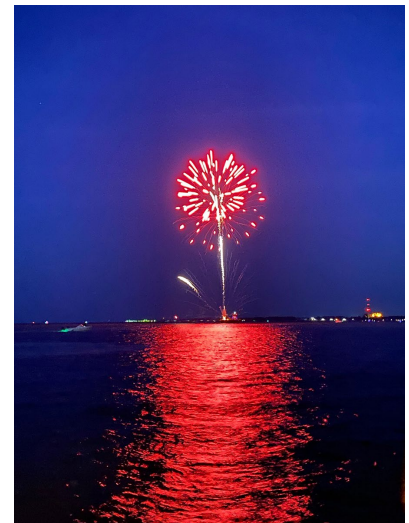
Free parking for the July 4th evening activities, including the fireworks show, is on the Yorktown Battlefield located at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street. Battlefield parking opens at 4 p.m. and ***closes once it reaches capacity.*** Guests are encouraged to arrive early. It is important to note that the walk from the Yorktown Battlefield parking area to the waterfront is approximately one mile and includes hills and uneven terrain.

At the conclusion of the fireworks, Yorktown will be **temporarily closed to incoming traffic, including any pick-up services**, so that Sheriff's Deputies may assist vehicles in safely exiting Yorktown. Depending on the size of the crowd, the process should take roughly an hour.

Those requiring **handicapped parking and special assistance** should report to **Yorktown Middle School from 4 to 7 p.m.**, and must be checked in no later than 7 p.m. to take advantage of this service. Transportation is provided for the disabled or special needs individual and *one escort*. Drop-off is at Riverwalk Landing, approximately 200 yards from the performance area. Due to limited shuttle capacity, all other individuals in the party will need to park at the Yorktown Battlefield.

It's important to note that once the shuttle is parked at the waterfront at 7:30 p.m., it will remain there until after the fireworks—with the first trip back to York Middle School beginning at 9:45 p.m. Return trips take place until 10:30 p.m. Each person must possess a pass to board the shuttle.

While visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and coolers, ***alcoholic beverages are prohibited.*** There will be several Yorktown restaurants open for business, and



several to-go options at the Patriotic Food Pavilion, which will be open from 3 to 9:15 p.m. The food trucks and vendors will be set up at Riverwalk Landing and include local favorites like Coastal Thirst, Smoke BBQ, Kona Ice, D.A.R.E., Chef Joseph's, Boyd's Tasty Dogs, Little Piggy's Wurst Nightmare, Pop's Kettle Corn, and Snack Attack. Pavilion proceeds support the York-Poquoson Sheriff Office D.A.R.E. program.

The free air-conditioned Yorktown Trolley runs from approximately 10 a.m. (following the parade) until 5 p.m.

Evening visitors can enjoy the following activities:

- 7 p.m. **The Fifes and Drums of York Town Performance**
The Reading of the Declaration of Independence
Sounds of Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony
Location: Riverwalk Landing Stage
- 8 p.m. **Super Jazz Band Concert featuring Conni Ironmonger**
Location: Riverwalk Landing Stage
- 9:15 p.m. **Spectacular Fireworks Display**
Location: Over York River – visible from Yorktown Waterfront & Victory Monument

Other Important Notes: Barbecue grills are limited to the National Park Service Beach Picnic Area with designated areas for the disposal of hot coals. The Beach Picnic Area is open to the public on July 4, but closed to all vehicles the entire day. It is also recommended that pet owners leave their pets at home during the fireworks, as the heat, crowds, music, and loud noise can be upsetting for many animals.

Additional Info:

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Additional photos are available at <https://bit.ly/45VQN1I>.

