

From the Mayor's Desk...The Day Before July 4, 2012

Independence Day – The 4th of July 2012

I realize I just sent an e-mail about the 4th of July yesterday, but after attending the FACE (Fundraising and Community Events) Committee planning meeting for the all the planned activities, I felt compelled and inspired to send another e-mail. This will not just be “another fireworks display”. In fact, the fireworks may seem almost anticlimactic after the run up of activities starting at 5 p.m. There will be a wide assortment of food available, from ice cream sandwiches to veggie burgers (the first time those are available in Village history). There will be a bouncy castle and an obstacle course for children as well as a DJ offering karaoke for brave residents looking to perform. There will also be great items available suitable for the day, including a “light-up snow cone”. I told you this was going to be great! As I mentioned yesterday, the fireworks will start when the sky is completely dark – somewhere between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. tomorrow. As great as they are, the Irvington Police Department will not be able to give you an exact time the fireworks will start, so please do not call them to ask!

Farmers Market

You do not have to wait to 5 p.m. to start celebrating the USA's 236th birthday. The Irvington Farmers Market will be opening at a special time – 9 a.m. – and closing at noon. This will allow you to get all your organic vegetables and food for the week, or maybe just for your Independence Day barbeque. And, you won't miss a thing that's happening in Matthiessen Park. This will also free up critical parking in the center of the Village, which leads me to...

Parking for July 4th

As I mentioned yesterday, **parking will be extremely limited near the river**. Please respect our friends at Bridge Street Properties and do not park on their property. They need all available spots for patrons going to the great restaurants on the waterfront. Since the Farmers Market is wrapping up early, there will be parking in the Main Street School lot. All the local churches have agreed to allow us to use their lots and there is, of course, the regular parking on Main Street and at the Metro North commuter lots. Limited handicapped parking will be available on Bridge Street, but residents with mobility issues will be allowed to be dropped off by the entrance of the park.

I look forward to celebrating with all of you tomorrow. Maybe you will be able to sink me in the dunk tank.

As always, please contact me with any question or comments about things going on in the Village.

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