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SAN CLEMENTE 2020 FIREWORKS DISPLAY
City hosts fireworks show at the Visa Hermosa Sports Park

Friday, June 19, 2020…San Clemente, California… On Saturday, July 4, 2020, at 9 p.m. the City of San Clemente will host its annual fireworks show from the Vista Hermosa Sports Park (VHSP), located at 987 Avenida Vista Hermosa. In light of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the fireworks show is being relocated to the VHSP to avoid overcrowding and large gatherings at the beach and surrounding pier area. For safety, there will be no vehicle or pedestrian access or entry into the sports park.

To encourage residents to celebrate at home, the City is pleased to offer a live stream of the fireworks display. At approximately 8:50 p.m., spectators can enjoy a July 4th Fireworks Virtual Opening Ceremony which will include a message from San Clemente City Council, a rendition of the national anthem, and other homages honoring Independence Day. The video will be available from the City’s YouTube channel and will include the accompanying fireworks music.

VHSP and the San Clemente Aquatics Center will close on Friday, July 3 at 1 p.m. for preliminary preparations and setup of the fireworks. The park will remain closed until Sunday, July 5 at 6 a.m. To avoid major traffic problems, and for pedestrian safety, on July 4 beginning
at 6 p.m., Avenida Vista Hermosa will be closed between Avenida Vera Cruz and Avenida La Pata; and Avenida La Pata will be closed between Avenida Vista Hermosa and Via Onda.

Additionally, the south sidewalk and crosswalk along Avenida Vista Hermosa (nearest the VHSP) from Avenida La Pata to Avenida Vera Cruz will be closed to pedestrian access at Saturday, July 4 beginning at 6 p.m. These streets and sidewalks will reopen to vehicle and pedestrian access no later than 11 p.m.

Motorists are reminded that Avenida Vista Hermosa and Avenida La Pata are designated “No Parking At Any Time” zones. Fireworks spectators are reminded to be respectful of surrounding businesses before and after the fireworks display.

Members of the public are reminded that San Clemente Municipal Code (SCMC) 8.82.050 prohibits any operation of unmanned aircraft systems (“drones”) over City-permitted events and designated City-facilities, such as Vista Hermosa Sports Park, unless granted written or electronic permission by the City.

BEACH REMINDERS

In honor of Independence Day, a traditional flyover by the Condor Squadron, consisting of four AT-6 aircraft World War II trainers will take place along the participating coastal cities. The flyover will begin in Huntington Beach and conclude in San Clemente where it will flyover the coast and conduct a 360 in the air. The full flyover schedule is as follows:

- Huntington Beach 5:25 to 5:30 p.m.
- Newport Beach 5:35 to 5:40 p.m.
- Laguna Beach 5:45 to 5:50 p.m.
- Dana Point 5:50 to 5:55 p.m.
- San Clemente 5:55 to 6:00 p.m.

To help facilitate a safe and memorable July 4th celebration, the City would like to remind visitors and residents of policies and regulations regarding the use of public space during this
holiday. Beachgoers are reminded that overnight camping on the beach or at Parque Del Mar is prohibited. Overnight camping in parks and on the beach is prohibited (SCMC § 8.86.020); accessing the beach between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m. is prohibited (SCMC § 12.32.140). Those in violation of these ordinances may be cited and asked to remove all belongings. Roping or blocking-off portions of the beach for private use is not permitted. Unattended property left on the beach is not the responsibility of the City, and may be subject to confiscation and disposal.

Beach users are reminded that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all City beaches and park sites. Dogs are not permitted on the coastal beach trail on July 4th. Bicycles are not permitted on any portion of the beach (SCMC § 12.32.130); bicycles must be walked between the pier and the south end of the Trafalgar Canyon Bridge, the Riviera Beach Trail Bridge and the Montalvo Beach Trail Bridge, as well as the asphalt area along the base of the pier. Those in violation of these ordinances may be cited, and fined, accordingly.

When leaving the beach, people are asked to take their trash with them. Any trash and litter remaining on the beach will end up polluting the ocean. Also, the City of San Clemente has ordinances prohibiting any fireworks, including Safe & Sane fireworks within City limits, and ordinances prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the beach and pier. San Clemente Police Services will strictly enforce these ordinances.

Due to the COVID-19, the City will not be issuing block party permits on public streets until further notice. Per SCMC § 8.72.030, it is prohibited to close any portion of a public right-of-way without expressed permission or a permit issued through the City.

**BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Get your red, white, and blue ready and decorate your front yard or storefront. Compete in our family division for some neighborhood bragging rights, or be the most popular storefront
in our business division. Register for free online between June 22 – July 2. All registrants must submit a photo of their Patriotic creativity. A panel of judges will review the photos and choose winners for the following categories:

1. Most Patriotic
2. Best San Clemente Vibe
3. Best Storefront

The winners will be featured in City social media and recognized at a future City Council meeting.

In the spirit of Independence Day, the City encourages all residents and visitors to shop and dine local! The San Clemente Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Association are featuring a variety of businesses that are hosting July 4th specials. Visit www.scchamber.com and www.scdba.org for more information.

Additionally, please be advised that all City facilities will be closed in observance of the July 4th holiday. This closure includes City Hall, the Community Center, the Ole Hanson Beach Club, and the San Clemente Aquatics Center.

For questions regarding the July 4th fireworks display, please contact the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Department at (949) 361-8264.

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