



NEWS RELEASE

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Township celebrates Independence Day with Red, Hot and Blue Festival

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (June 20, 2019) – Residents in The Woodlands will have the opportunity to celebrate freedom with a variety of festivities for the Fourth of July holiday. The 2019 holiday schedule offers entertainment and activities for everyone to enjoy, beginning with the Houston Symphony’s Star-Spangled Salute on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion.

The festivities on Thursday, July 4, 2019, begin at 9 a.m. with the South County Fourth of July Parade in The Woodlands Town Center. Following the parade, Splash Day offers a free cool down at all Township pools from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with no charge for admission all day. The lifeguards at each pool will select a unique, family-oriented theme and provide fun activities and games from noon to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will also be available while supplies last. Splash Day 2019 is presented by Kroger.

The celebration will continue into the evening with the 22nd annual Red, Hot and Blue Festival featuring entertainment and activities at five locations in The Woodlands from 6 to 10 p.m. Northshore Park will feature face painting, food trucks and musical entertainment by Cold Shot. Residents should be advised Northshore Park access will be affected on the following dates for the event:

- Limited to minimal vehicular traffic July 2 through 3 to begin event preparations and set up.
- The park will be closed to the public from 6 to 9 a.m. on July 2 to accommodate further set up.
- No vehicular access on July 4 for safety and security, reopening on July 5 with limited vehicular access.
- Majority of the docks at Northshore Park will be unavailable June 24 through July 9, 2019.

Town Green Park will have a wide variety of activities, including strolling entertainers, face painters, balloon artists, inflatables, a kids’ zone, food vendors and two stages for music from Cap City Band and The Fantastics. Participants must have a wristband to enter the inflatables activities at this location. Wristbands are \$10 each and good for unlimited access of the inflatables for the duration of the event.

Waterway Square Park will have concessions, face painting, a balloon artist and entertainment by Willow Creek Junction.



Hughes Landing will feature musical entertainment from The Kelley Peters Band.

Rob Fleming Park will have food trucks, face painting and the country musical and Indie stylings of Keeton Coffman. Due to limited parking in the Rob Fleming Park area, residents are encouraged to walk or bike to the event.

The annual celebration will culminate with an 18-minute Fireworks Extravaganza at approximately 9:30 p.m. with multiple launch locations. The primary fireworks display will be located in Lake Woodlands adjacent to Northshore Park, with a secondary close-proximity (special effects) display at Town Green Park. Please note there may be limited visibility of the primary display at Town Green Park due to trees and buildings. The 2019 Fireworks Extravaganza will also feature a fireworks display in the Waterway Square District near Timberloch Place and Waterway Avenue and Rob Fleming Park in the Village of Creekside Park. Residents can enjoy both the sights and sounds of the fireworks extravaganza by tuning into KSTAR Country 99.7 FM, which will broadcast the choreographed patriotic soundtrack for the 2019 event.

For the comfort and safety of all attendees, oversized beach umbrellas and pop-up tents are not permitted at the Festival.

The presenting festival sponsor of the multi-location Red, Hot and Blue celebration is CHI St. Luke's Health, with additional sponsor support from Waste Management, The Howard Hughes Corporation® and America's ER.

Vendor applications are still being accepted for the event. Applications are due by June 20, 2019 and available for download at www.redhotblue.org. For more details, updates and parking information, please visit www.redhotblue.org or follow The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/townshipparcsandrec.

As the Fourth of July holiday nears, residents are reminded that The Woodlands Covenants strictly prohibit the sale or use of home fireworks and sparklers of any kind in The Woodlands neighborhoods.

For more information about The Woodlands Township, please visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov or call 281-210-3800.



The Fourth of July holiday comes alive with a variety of patriotic events in The Woodlands, including the Red, Hot and Blue Festival and Fireworks Extravaganza at five locations in the community.