



TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN  
NEW JERSEY

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
400 PARK AVENUE  
WEEHAWKEN, NEW JERSEY 07086

Dear Resident;

As you may be aware, the Macy's Fireworks have been moved this year to the Hudson River in honor of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the River's discovery by Henry Hudson. As a Weehawken resident you will have an excellent view of the firework display. The majority of the fireworks barges will be positioned opposite Weehawken. This will give all of us a front row seat for the spectacular fireworks. However, due to the anticipated large number of visitors, certain restrictions must be enforced. Our top priority as always is the safety of our residents and visitors.

We must ensure that all emergency vehicles, (Police, Fire, and Ambulance) can move throughout our Township uninhibited. The Emergency Provisions contained in this letter are essential to provide for a safe day for all concerned.

Road Closures although inconvenient, will be decided by the volume of people driving to the area, both in Weehawken and surrounding access roads. Every attempt is being made to avoid gridlock. We are encouraging all residents who do not have prior commitments to stay in town, enjoy the fireworks, and help us oversee your property.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING JULY 4TH,  
PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE AT (201) 319-6005  
FOR PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS ON JULY 4TH, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT AT  
(201) 863-7800**

**Hope you have a safe and enjoyable day.**

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## **ROAD CLOSINGS**

1.) Boulevard East from North Marginal Highway, Weehawken, to Bergen County line, North Bergen. It is anticipated that Boulevard East may have to **close sometime between 12:00 p.m. (Noon) and 4:00 p.m. on July 4th**. The closing will depend on the amount of pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic along Boulevard East. Every effort will be made to keep Boulevard East open as long as safety permits.

2.) Highwood Terrace, Hamilton Avenue, Hudson Place, Duer Place, Bonn Place, Clifton Terrace, Fulton Street, Cooper Place, 47th Street, 48th Street, 49th Street, and 51st Street. All the above streets leading to Boulevard East will be closed at the same time as Boulevard East. Once Boulevard East is closed, only pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be permitted on these streets.

3.) It is anticipated that the Waterfront Roads from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the West New York border will close at the same time as Boulevard East.

4.) Gregory Avenue, Washington Street (20<sup>th</sup> Street), Highpoint Avenue, Oak Street, Shippen Street, Dodd Street, Jane Street, Angelique Street, and Hackensack Plank Road at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Ridgley Place. The above streets may have to close anytime after 4:00 p.m.

5.) NY Waterway Ferry will cease operations at 4:30 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> and reopen after the fireworks are completed.

6.) N.J. Transit light rail operations will bypass Weehawken at anytime if crowd conditions on the Waterfront become a safety concern.

## **EMERGENCY PROVISIONS**

1.) While there will be no special parking restrictions for July 4th, the Police Department will be patrolling all areas of the Township, strictly enforcing existing parking and traffic laws to insure access by fire and emergency vehicles. Any vehicle causing a public safety concern will be summonsed and towed.

**2.) Please keep in mind, vehicles parked on both sides of Boulevard East may be subject to damage from the expected large crowds. If you can move your car, it is recommended that you do so.**

3.) There will be regular garbage and recycling pick-ups on the mornings of July 3rd, and 4th. Therefore, garbage should be put out as scheduled.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

- **Public consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted.**
- **No fireworks, including sparklers.**
- **Barbeques on balconies or terraces are not permitted.**
- **Use of rooftops for viewing of fireworks or any activity is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. Landlords and/or property owners are responsible for keeping rooftops clear of people.**

**THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT WE ALL HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY. PLEASE COOPERATE WITH OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY WEEK.**

**All roads, if gridlock conditions warrant, may shut down earlier.  
Any guests should be so advised.**

## **Resident Waterfront Viewing Area**

For the enjoyment of Weehawken Residents, we will keep open the Lincoln Harbor Park (next to the Charthouse Pier, where the Weehawken Day Festival takes place.) For safety reasons, access to the Park will be restricted to Weehawken residents only. Proof of residency will be required. There will be no parking on the Waterfront, you must walk to this location or be dropped off early in the evening; traffic conditions permitting.

## **Parks and Playgrounds**

To protect our Parks and Playgrounds Hamilton Plaza, Weehawken Stadium, and the new Waterfront Park will be closed all day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This is necessary to prevent any damage to our park facilities.

All neighborhood playgrounds will be open until 4:00 pm. Then they will be closed to the public.

### **GENERAL TIPS**

1.) VISITORS: If you plan to have visitors to your home, they must arrive as early as possible. If you live on a street subject to closure, - you must get your guests in before the roads close. This may occur anytime between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 4:00 p.m. or earlier if conditions warrant.

2.) EMERGENCY TRAVEL: If your street is closed and you need to leave your residence for an emergency, call the Police at (201) 863-7800 so the Police can get you safely out. If you do leave you may not be able to return until the streets reopen after the fireworks are over

3.) PARKING: We expect all legal parking spaces to be filled throughout the Township on July 4th by residents, guests, and visitors. Be advised a legal parking place may be hard to find.