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Enjoy a Safe & Happy Fourth of July *Cleveland Division of Police offers helpful tips for summer safety*

CLEVELAND – Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Chief of Police Calvin D. Williams want to remind you to have a Happy Fourth of July and stay safe while enjoying your holiday. [Click here to view the Mayor's holiday message.](#)

Travel Tips

The **Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)** encourages you to [Ride RTA](#) to the Fourth of July festivities in Downtown Cleveland. Park for free at any of our rail stations, and enjoy service on the Red, Blue and Green Lines.

However, due to major track projects, expect changes to Red Line service, from June 30 – July 13. During this time, Red Line trains will be replaced with 66R buses between West 117th Street and West Boulevard. Customers may ride the Red Line between the Airport and West 117th Street, and then transfer to a 66R bus to get to West Boulevard, and back to a train from West Boulevard to Tower City and points east. Check the [new timetable online now](#), or call the RTA answerline [\(216-621-9500\)](tel:216-621-9500) for more information.

There will be **no parking restrictions** downtown on the Fourth of July but parking will be at a premium. We encourage visitors to the downtown area to consider using alternate means of transportation. Come for the fun and entertainment and enjoy all that Cleveland has to offer in food, fun, and activities.

If you plan to drive to Edgewater Park to observe the fireworks display please be aware of nearby temporary road closures. Beginning at 9:15 p.m. on July 4, access from I-90 to Route 2 westbound will end from Dead Man's Curve to Edgewater Park. In addition, access to Route 2 eastbound from Lake Avenue and Clifton Avenue to the West 3rd Street eastbound entrance ramp will end.

Reminder: Due to the set up for the 2019 MLB All-Star Game Lakeside Avenue and St Clair Avenue will be closed between East 6th Street and Ontario Street. This may cause delays on East 9th Street and West 3rd Street so adjust your travel plans accordingly.

Fireworks, Celebratory Gunfire and Unnecessary Noise

In the spirit of safety and responsibility, municipal codes involving fireworks, noise and alcohol in public will be strictly enforced.

Fireworks pose a serious threat when not handled properly. Illegal fireworks pose an even greater threat to those using or storing them and to revelers. Illegal fireworks are notoriously unreliable and dangerous, and can quickly turn a holiday into a tragic day. The majority of injuries occur during the weeks leading up to and following the Fourth of July. For a safe and fun holiday, leave the fireworks to the experts. The discharge of, ignition or explosion of any fireworks (except novelty or trick fireworks) is illegal in the City of Cleveland.

Celebratory gunfire is not only illegal, it is also extremely dangerous. “What goes up must come down,” firing weapons irresponsibly can cause death, serious injury and damage to property. Anyone found to be discharging a firearm within city limits will be arrested.

Unnecessary noise complaints will be investigated and violators will be cited: “The discharge of, ignition, or explosion of any fireworks, except novelty or trick fireworks” is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Violations of this section after having been warned within 36 hours of a second occurrence are a misdemeanor of the third degree. Violations of this section during any dates of June 15 through July 15 inclusive are a misdemeanor of the third degree.

The Cleveland Division of Police reminds the public that policing is a partnership and our citizens are our eyes and ears. We need your help to solve crimes in your neighborhood. Citizens can always report anonymously: anonymous information can be given to **CrimeStoppers** by calling 216-252-7463 or via **text message**: text TIP657 plus your message to Crimes (274637).

City Parks and Metroparks

The city’s parks and parks throughout the Cleveland Metroparks system are great places to enjoy holiday fun. Ordinances involving disorderly conduct, pets off leash, drug abuse, alcohol abuse (alcohol is not permitted in the parks), theft, and Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) offenses will be strictly enforced on city streets and throughout the parks.

Although no OVI checkpoints are scheduled for the holiday, there will be an enhanced awareness regarding OVI offenses. If you plan to consume alcohol, choose a designated driver, take a taxi, use a ride share or use public transportation. Open container laws will be enforced throughout the city and within the parks system.

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play, and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at www.city.cleveland.oh.us, Twitter at [@cityofcleveland](https://twitter.com/cityofcleveland) or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland.

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