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**Subject:** RE: 4th of July 2025- Special Events Application  
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Michelle,

After a few phone calls/transfers I got connected with the POC for our display. The pyro will be delivered the morning of each display day and immediately loaded to the barge. So we are all set on the FD end. There is no overnight storage in the City.

Thanks.

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Michelle,

This is a screen grab of the fireworks permit that Tiffany forwarded me. I am not sure if this is a question for Lisa (she may not know), or the pyrotechnic company, but the FD just needs some further clarification of where the pyro will be stored prior to the event. It says "once on-site, they will be loaded". We just need to have an understating of when they will arrive, and if they go directly to the barge. For example, if they are arriving on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at night, being kept in a box truck in a parking lot somewhere, and loaded to the barge the morning of the 4th, we need that information.

I will be reaching out for an answer and get back to you. Other than that, no issues from FD. I do need to confirm this info before we can move forward on our end with a full endorsement. I will try to get something for you before C.o.B tomorrow.

Thanks.

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No issue from NS

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Good Morning Everyone!!!

Please find attached a special events application for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival along with lots of support material. Below you will also find a narrative and some helpful logistics from Lisa Dawsey-Smith ( Lead Organizer). Please take some time to look through this material and let me know if you have questions/ thoughts/concerns on this event.

Side Note: The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is organized by a separate individual. I have yet to receive any routes or plan for the parade. I did receive an invitation to be part of the parade, which I will share in a different email. The Parks & Recreation Department will have multiple floats/vehicles/ walkers in the parade if you would like to join! Please watch for an email on the parade specifically.

Have a wonderful day!  
Michelle

### **Event Narrative: 2025 Whitewater 4th of July Festival**

The 2025 Whitewater 4th of July Festival is scheduled to take place from Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6, at Cravath Lakefront Park and surrounding festival grounds. This longstanding community celebration will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, entertainment, and traditional holiday programming.

### **Festival Schedule Overview:**

- **Thursday, July 3:**  
The festival will open to the public at 4:00 PM, featuring karaoke, a petting zoo, and the annual Miss Whitewater Pageant. These events mark the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday weekend.
- **Friday, July 4:**  
Activities will begin at 9:45 AM with the Whippet City Mile race, followed by the Independence Day Parade at 10:00 AM. Post-parade festivities will begin at 11:00 AM and continue through 11:00 PM, including food vendors, live music on the amphitheatre stage, and family activities. A professional fireworks display is scheduled for 10:00 PM.
- **Saturday, July 5:**  
The festival will open at 11:00 AM and run through 11:00 PM. Featured attractions include live music throughout the day, a classic car show, and a second fireworks display at 10:00 PM.
- **Sunday, July 6:**  
The festival will conclude with a carnival wristband session from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No additional entertainment or volunteer-led activities are planned for this day, allowing for site cleanup and breakdown to begin concurrently.

### **Logistics and Operations:**

- Carnival equipment will begin arriving on **June 30**, with support trailers and overnight accommodations staged at **Starin Park** throughout the duration of the festival. Carnival operators will begin departing the grounds on **July 6 and 7**.
- The festival committee will request approval to begin placement of fireworks barges in

Cravath Lake and ticket booths within the park during the week prior to carnival arrival to ensure adequate setup time.

- No major operational changes are anticipated from previous years. The committee is committed to maintaining strong coordination with City departments and welcomes the opportunity to meet with municipal staff to review logistics, permits, or support needs in greater detail.

We appreciate your consideration and continued support of this community tradition and look forward to working collaboratively to ensure a safe and successful event for all attendees. We anticipate similar level of attendance as 2024, we used Placer AI to determine a total of 7,500 attendees within the festival park grounds. This did not include the parade route or car show. We estimate an additional 250 for the car show, and 1,000 for the parade.

I have attached the contracts and music schedule. Our event insurance policy from 2024 is still in effect until renewal over the next month sometime.

Kind regards,

Lisa