

PRESS RELEASE

Subject: PLATTEVILLE 4TH OF JULY

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PLATTEVILLE, Wis. –The committee for the Platteville 4th of July has been meeting to identify the activities for this year's celebration.

Many spring and summer activities are either being cancelled or modified around the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is true of our 4th of July Celebration. The Committee feels very strongly that the community needs to celebrate this annual tradition, but it will obviously require changes.

- Unfortunately, there will not be a 5K Walk/Run this year.
- The Veterans Honor Roll Association will be hosting its traditional patriotic program at 10 a.m. in City Park. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and allow for social distancing.
- The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums invite you to celebrate Heritage Day in a new way: virtually! Enjoy an online program of historic demonstrations, games and music by the Wundo Band, all on the World Wide Web from the comfort of your home. Activities include: demonstrations of mechanical music boxes, gramophones and player pianos, as well as treadle jigsaw and more. Follow the museums on Facebook and visit their website at www.mining.jamison.museum for more details.
- We are moving ahead with the annual fireworks beginning at dusk on July 4th, but they will be different. We are dubbing it the "**Back Yard Fireworks**" this year. The fireworks will take place at Legion Park as usual, but it will only be an aerial show with no groundworks display. In an effort to maintain social distancing, we are encouraging everyone to celebrate at home — with family and friends — and to enjoy the fireworks from their own backyard. Legion Park will be closed to the public so no activities will take place there — no bounce houses, no bean bag tournament, no beer tent and no live music.

We realize that some of these changes are disappointing, however, the Committee is working hard to make our community's 4th of July celebration the best we can, given the circumstances. Please continue to monitor the Grant County Health Department safety recommendations this summer.

The Committee is always challenged with funding for the 4th of July and this year will be no different. A number of the events that were cancelled were fundraisers to help with the costs associated with the day's events. Without these fundraisers, it will be even more challenging to cover the costs of the fireworks. We are asking the community for your support. Please consider making a donation so we can continue the tradition of our 4th of July activities. Any and all donations will be appreciated and can be sent to:

Platteville's 4th of July Fund
P. O. Box 780
Platteville, WI 53818

We hope to be back on track in 2021! If anyone is interested in serving on the volunteer 4th of July Committee, we would love to have you!