

Independence Day Traffic Restrictions and City Policies

In preparation for the Independence Day celebration in the City of Sheboygan, the Sheboygan Police Department would like to advise the public various ordinance and policies to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable holiday:

"Reserving" a spot for the Independence Day Parade:

This took some people by surprise last year, so we want to make sure everyone knows the policy we will follow. You may bring tarps and chairs to hold a spot between the sidewalk and the street along the parade route *AFTER 5:00AM on July 4*. Any items placed out prior to that time will be considered abandoned property and removed. The reason for this policy is to minimize the amount of overnight vandalism as well as minimize arguments over claimed areas.

Independence Day Traffic Restrictions:

- Following the Independence Day Parade, Broughton Drive will remain closed to vehicle traffic and parking will be prohibited from Michigan Avenue south to Wisconsin Avenue for the safety of pedestrians and the lakefront activities.
- Parking will be prohibited along the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue from N. 8 Street west to N. 14 Street all day to provide two lanes of westbound traffic leaving from the lakefront.
- After the fireworks, traffic flow will be restricted at the Rotary Intersection at S 8th Street and Indiana Avenue. There will be no north bound traffic allowed on S 8th Street from the round-about intersection.
- All traffic coming south across the 8th Street Bridge will ONLY be allowed to proceed WEST on Indiana Avenue from the round-about intersection.
- All traffic coming out of South Pier Drive will ONLY be allowed to proceed SOUTH on S 8th Street from the round-about intersection.
- There will be no east bound traffic permitted on Pennsylvania Avenue beyond 14th Street.
- If you view the fireworks from north of the Sheboygan River and have to get back to the south side, we suggest leaving west on Pennsylvania, Erie or Superior Avenues, and using 14th Street or Taylor Drive to go south.
- If you view the fireworks from south of the Sheboygan River and have to get back to the north side, we suggest turning west on Georgia Avenue or Broadway Avenue to reach South Business Drive and turn north.

We will attempt to have Officers manning the traffic lights on 14th Street to facilitate movement. Remember that everyone wants to leave at once and that is just not going to happen. Please be patient, and watch for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Everyone is encouraged to walk or use a bicycle if practical.

Bike Corrals:

In an effort to minimize vehicular traffic and encourage exercise, the Police Department, with the assistance of the Police Explorer's Post, will have two bike corrals at the lake front. One will be at Deland Park next to the Police Command post, and the other in the South Pier area (more detailed location will be given once finalized). The corrals will be available for holding normal sized bicycles from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm. Bicycles not collected by 11:00 pm will be impounded. There will be no charge for use of the corrals, so please take advantage of them, and leave your car at home!

Other City Policies:

- Fireworks: **The possession and use of Fireworks is PROHIBITED in the City of Sheboygan.** Enjoy the official Fireworks display, but save yourself an expensive fine and do not bring your own fireworks into the City.
- Alcohol: **Alcohol possession and consumption is PROHIBITED ON ANY BEACH area in the City.** Alcohol may be possessed and consumed on the area of Deland Park that is south of the pier (the vendor area), and on the grass area of King Park. No person may possess any glass container within any City of Sheboygan park.
- Pets are prohibited in all city parks and beaches except those designated and posted as being either on-leash or off-leash, Sec. 18-15. **This includes that pets are prohibited in both Deland and King Parks and their beaches.**
- Bonfires: Recreational Fires are allowed along the Lake Michigan shoreline from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Fires can be no larger than **36 inches in diameter and 18 inches high.** Recreational fires can be wood-fueled only and must be at least 20 feet from any structure. **To assist with beach cleanup, we ask that fires NOT be buried at the end of the evening.** Fires may be extinguished with water or left safely to burn out. Burying fires will cause injuries.
- Excavation: No person may construct any pit or excavation in any public beach area.
- Boats and Watercraft: **Boats and Watercraft must remain clear of public beaches.**

If you have any questions regarding City policies or traffic routes on July 4th, please contact the Sheboygan Police Department at (920) 459-3333. Also, information concerning traffic and beachfront activities will be posted at the Sheboygan Area Tourism event page at www.visitsheboygan.com.