

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 inform the public of various ordinances and policies to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable holiday:

"Reserving" a spot for the Independence Day Parade:

We would like to remind the community that the policy for the City of Sheboygan is that you may place tarps and chairs to hold a spot between the sidewalk and the street along the parade route **AFTER 5:00 AM 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.

Parade Route:

All side streets connecting to the parade route will be barricaded off the morning of July 4. For safety reasons, vehicles parked on the parade route after 7:30 AM on July 4 will be towed.

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. 7th Street west to Water Street all day to provide two lanes of westbound traffic leaving from the lakefront.
- **NOTE: the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge is closed for construction. After the fireworks, traffic using Pennsylvania Avenue to leave the lakefront will be directed west to 9th Street, where vehicles may turn north or south.**
 - Vehicles wishing to travel south from Pennsylvania Avenue will use the 9th Street swing street to S 8th Street, continuing to the roundabout intersection at S 8th and Indiana Avenue and be directed westbound on Indiana Avenue.
 - Vehicles wishing to travel north from Pennsylvania Avenue will be directed to turn west on Erie Avenue. No northbound traffic will be allowed through the intersection of N 9th Street and Erie Avenue.
- After the fireworks, traffic flow will be restricted at the Rotary Intersection at S 8th Street and Indiana Avenue.

There will be no northbound traffic allowed on S 8th Street from the round-about intersection and no northbound traffic allowed into the roundabout from S. 7th Street and Indiana Avenue.

 - 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.
- 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 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.

Officers will be manning the traffic lights on 14th Street and numerous other intersections to facilitate the movement of traffic away from the lakefront. Please remember that thousands of vehicles will be attempting

to leave the lakefront area at the same time, and there is only so much space on the streets to accommodate the increase in volume. 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 Post, will have two bike corrals at the lake front. One will be at Deland Park next to the Police Command post, located near the war memorial. The second will be in the South Pier area in the greenspace just south of 534 South Pier Drive, along the boardwalk. 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! Wagons and strollers will also be accepted as long as there is no personal property left with them. For your convenience, Explorers will also be selling Sheboygan bike licenses at the bike corral located at Deland Park.

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 <https://visitsheboygan.com>.