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Safety Measures and Road Closures for Red, White & BOOM!

Red, White & BOOM! is not only Ohio's largest fireworks display but the largest Independence Day fireworks display in the Midwest with an estimated 400,000 attendees for 2026. The Columbus Division of Police will be present for the duration of the event. To encourage a safe time for all, the Division is providing information on missing children booths and expected road closures.

Missing Children Booths

The Columbus Division of Police will once again be providing assistance during Red, White & BOOM! for missing children. Detectives from the Special Investigations Bureau will staff five (5) missing children booths beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2026. The locations for the booths are:

- Northwest corner of W. Long St. & Marconi Blvd.
- Washington Blvd. and W. Broad St. (north side of COSI)
- W. Broad St. and N. Front St. (in lawn of City Hall)
- Town St. and Washington Blvd.
- 200 Civic Center Dr.

Additionally, an identification bracelet and registration will be available. Parents of young children are encouraged to visit a booth, get a bracelet for their child, and complete a quick registration form. The information allows us to quickly reconnect the child with the parent in the event they become lost.

Parents are also highly encouraged to take a digital photograph of their child in the clothing they are wearing to the event and store the image on their cellphone. This will allow detectives to quickly disseminate a photograph should the child become separated from the parents.

Parents are also asked to talk with their children and encourage them to seek out a police officer should they become separated from their parent.



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Road Closures

In preparation for Red, White & BOOM!, the following roads will be closed:

Beginning 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 27 until TBD on Saturday, July 4

- Washington Blvd. between W. Broad St. & Main St.

Beginning 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1 until TBD on Saturday, July 4

- Civic Center Dr. from W. Broad St. to Main St.

Beginning 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1 until 6 a.m. on Saturday, July 4

- Marconi Blvd. between Long St. & Broad St.
- The north curb lane of W. Broad St. from the Cumberland Trail marker to Belle St.

Beginning 2 p.m. on Friday, July 3 until 7 p.m.

- Main St. between 2nd St. & the Scioto River
- Rich St. between the Scioto River & McDowell St.
- Starling St. between Rich St. & Town St.
- Belle St. between Rich St. & Town St.
- Lucas St. between Rich St. & Town St.
- Civic Center between Mount St. & Main St.

Beginning 5:15 p.m. on Friday, July 3 until approximately 7:30 p.m.

- Lynn St. between Front St. & High St.
- Main St. between River St. & High St.
- Lafayette St. between Front St. & High St.
- Nationwide Blvd. between Ludlow St. & High St.
- Hickory St. between Front St. & Marconi Blvd.
- W. Spring St. between Marconi St. & High St.
- W. Long St. between Marconi Blvd. & High St.
- W. Rich St. between High St. & Civic Center Dr.
- N. Front St. between Main St. & Spring St.
- W. Town St. between Belle St. & High St.
- E. State St. between Front St. & High St.
- E. Gay St. between Front St. & High St.
- Spring St. between High St. & Neil Ave.
- Rich St. between McDowell St. & the Scioto River



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Beginning 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3 until midnight

- All streets south of Spring St., north of Mound St., east of McDowell St., and west of Third St.

Handicap parking will be available at the following locations:

- S Wall St. between W Broad St. and Capital St.
- 2nd St., between Mound St. and Civic Center Dr.

In addition to the listed road closures, the following bridges will be impacted on Friday, July 3:

Broad Street Bridge

- 9 a.m.: North curb lane will be secured for Public Safety responders only
- 5 p.m.: Closes to vehicular traffic
- 9 p.m.: Closes to pedestrian traffic

Rich Street Bridge

- 2 p.m.: Closes to vehicular traffic
- 9 p.m.: Closes to pedestrians

Main Street Bridge

- 2 p.m.: Closes for parade formation
- After parade departs, the bridge remains closed until after the event.
- Pedestrian walkway will remain open on the bridge.

Temporary Flight Restrictions for Small Unmanned Aircraft

As a reminder, the FAA has implemented Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) across the country applicable to small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). These TFRs encompass two areas of Columbus, Ohio: the vicinity of Historic Crew Stadium and the downtown corridor. The TFRs last until July 21, 2026. UAS Pilots are strongly encouraged to review information posted by the FAA, as violations of the TFR could result in criminal charges, civil penalties imposed by the FAA, and the possibility that the United States Government may take security action that results in the disruption, seizure, damage, or destruction of UAS deemed to pose a credible security threat.

Current flight restrictions do include areas of the City of Columbus where UAS pilots commonly operate, including portions of the Scioto Mile and Goodale Park.



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For a full description of the TFR, please refer to the FAA TFR list located here:

https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr3/?page=detail_6_4110

https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr3/?page=detail_6_4112

The Columbus Division of Police encourages everyone to give themselves ample time to get downtown and find a place to enjoy the fireworks. Stopping on the freeway is prohibited and will be enforced throughout the evening.

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