

Festival season is in full swing, and Red, White & BOOM! will energize downtown Columbus with a day of music, food, activities and of course – fireworks. The Scioto Mile provides an outstanding backdrop for one of the largest displays of Independence Day fireworks in the Midwest. The event begins Friday, July 1 at noon. For more information, a full schedule of performances and a list of activities, visit www.redwhiteandboom.org. You won't want to miss it!

WHAT: Red, White & BOOM!

WHEN: Friday, July 1 | noon to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Downtown Riverfront

SCIOTO MILE FOUNTAIN AND PARK INFORMATION:

- The Scioto Mile Fountain will be turned off Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m. and will resume operation Saturday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m.
- Bicentennial Park restrooms will be closed on July 1 during Red, White & BOOM!
- Genoa Park will be closed to the public from Monday, June 27 through Saturday, July 2 for fireworks operations.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Public set-up for Red, White & BOOM! may begin at 5 p.m. on June 30. Anything placed before 5 p.m. on June 30 will be collected and taken to Bicentennial Park, 233 Civic Center Dr.
- To keep your parks beautiful, we request that personal canopies, tarps and blankets not be set-up until July 1.
- Areas should be marked with items that don't present a danger to the public. STAKES AND POSTS ARE PROHIBITED as they pose a danger to playing children and can cause damage to irrigation systems.

TRAIL ACCESS:

- Beginning Monday, June 27, the trail on the west side of the Scioto River between the Rich St./Town St. Bridge and Broad Street Bridge will be closed until Saturday, July 2.
- Beginning Thursday June 30, the trail on the east side of the Scioto River between the Rich St./Town St. Bridge and the Broad Street Bridge will be closed until Saturday, July 2.

RIVER ACCESS:

- On July 1, from 11 a.m. until after the fireworks, all public watercraft will be prohibited on the Scioto River between the railroad trestle at the south end of North Bank Park to the railroad trestle south of the Main Street Bridge. Columbus Fire and Columbus Police will be on the water for enforcement.
- The Nationwide Blvd. launch area will be available for hand-carry watercraft only, due to current water level. Those interested in accessing the water with trailers or powerboats are advised to enter from the Lower Scioto ramp at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park. Parking is limited.

Happy Independence Day!

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Downtown On-Street Parking Restrictions at Parking Meters and Other Locations and Street Closures Before, During and After Red, White & BOOM!

To ease the flow of heavy vehicle traffic, parking restrictions will be in place on numerous downtown streets before, during and immediately after Red, White & BOOM! While some parking restrictions will begin as early as Sunday, June 26, most will be in place beginning at 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 30. Signs will be posted in these areas to remind motorists that, while they can legally park there after 10 p.m., there will be no overnight parking. Any vehicles remaining beginning at 3 a.m., Friday, July 1, will be ticketed and towed. During the hours of parking restrictions, parking meters will be bagged and temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted where no meters are present.

Maps of Red, White & BOOM! street closures and parking restrictions are available at the links below:

[2016 Red, White & BOOM! Street Closures](#)

[2016 Red, White & BOOM! Parking Restrictions](#)

Beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, July 1, all streets within the following boundaries will be closed:

- North: Spring Street
- South: Mound Street
- West: McDowell Street
- East: 3rd Street

All closed streets will reopen at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 2, except the following streets that will reopen at 6 a.m., Saturday, July 2:

- West Nationwide Boulevard between Neil Avenue and North Ludlow Street
- Marconi Boulevard between W. Nationwide Boulevard and W. Locust Street
- One curb lane of W. Broad Street between the west side of the Scioto River and Belle Street

Motorists are reminded to be alert for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling to and from Red, White & BOOM! festivities. Motorists and bicyclists must obey all traffic laws and, by law, must share the road legally and safely. Bicyclists riding after sunset and before sunrise are required by law to have operational headlights, taillights and reflectors on their bikes.

Information on Red, White & BOOM! parking restrictions and street closures are available:

- By calling the 311 Customer Service Center at (614) 645-3111
- At Paving The Way at (614) 645-PAVE or www.pavingtheway.org
- On the Department of Public Service’s Facebook site: www.facebook.com/ColumbusPublicService