



June 1, 2017

Dear Neighbor:

We are excited to celebrate the Independence Day at Fort Vancouver this year with you! The event has developed into one of our community's most cherished celebrations, and we thank you, our neighbors, for your continued support and cooperation each year.

As you know, many changes have been made over the past several years. This year in 2017, **CELEBRATING FREEDOM IS FREE** at Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America.

The general public will be able to "Celebrate Freedom for Free" this year on the 4th of July, with no admission charge for the general viewing area. While in the past this was a full day event, attendees are encouraged to come down for the evening, claim their spot on the lawn, enjoy a variety of vendors, and live music starting at 6 p.m., and food vendors in anticipation of a spectacular fireworks show at 10:05 p.m.

As in years past, the festivities are expected to draw large crowds around your neighborhood. Therefore, vehicle access on Tuesday, July 4th will be controlled from 8 a.m. until the end of the fireworks display on the following streets:

- Evergreen Blvd. and "U" Street
- Evergreen Blvd. and I-5 (West Reserve)
- Evergreen Blvd. at Ft. Vancouver Way
- 9th and East Reserve
- 8th and "T" Street
- 6th and "U" Street
- 5th and "U" Street
- 5th and Fort Vancouver Way
- 5th and East Reserve
- 5th St. will be closed from East Reserve to I-5 starting on July 2nd
- East Reserve and Mill Plain (parking stalls will be blocked off on west side of Reserve from corner to driveway)
- Mill Plain and Fort Vancouver Way
- Mill Plain and I-5 north bound will be closed after 6 p.m.
- Mill Plain and I-5 south bound can go west only after 6 p.m.
- Mill Plain and East Reserve will be closed after 6 p.m.
- McLoughlin and East Reserve for west bound traffic will be closed after 9 p.m.
- Grand and McLoughlin for west bound traffic will be closed after 9 p.m.
- I-5 and Fourth Plain will have no right turn for north bound off ramp (i.e. cannot go east on Fourth Plain from I-5) after 9 p.m.
- Grand Blvd will be closed between Evergreen Blvd and 5th St. from 8pm until the end of the fireworks.
- Fort Vancouver Way and McLoughlin will be closed after 9 p.m.

These road closures and the required parking permits are done in partnership with the Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association. The safety and security of residents and businesses near the celebration site are very important.





Other items to make note of:

- Both sides of Fort Vancouver Way from Fourth Plain to Mill Plain from July 3rd until midnight on July 4 will be a no parking/tow away zone (this includes the median strip).
- There will also be no parking allowed on the grass in the Marshall Center/Luepke Center/Chelsea playground, etc.

A map of the road closures is available on our website at 4th.fortvan.org/getting-here

Required Permit for the Hudson's Bay Neighborhood

If you reside or own a business in the area described on the first page of this letter, you will be required to have a vehicle pass displayed on the driver's side of the front window of your vehicle. **Pass holders will be required to write in their vehicle license number on the pass in pen and this must match the vehicle to be admitted.** Vehicles with altered passes or with passes that do not have the license information will not be admitted.

PLEASE NOTE: Passes MUST be picked up at the Marshall House located at 1301 Officers Row, Vancouver, WA 98661. Passes will be available for pick-up on June 26-July 1 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Monday, July 3 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Each household/apartment unit will receive two passes only. This will be strictly adhered to at the request of the Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association and public safety officers.

Residents must provide identification for address verification (drivers' license or utility bills OK). Please be prepared to provide license plate numbers at the time of receiving your pass as well.

Businesses must bring written documentation on letterhead or with a business card attached indicating employees required to work that day. Passes will be distributed for that number only.

Keeping roads clear of traffic helps protect lawns and property from pedestrians walking to and from the event site and also allows for quick and easy passage of emergency vehicles. Please advise your guests to park outside the restricted area and walk, or make arrangements to transport them to your home. Guests may park in the grass field lot on 5th Street and "U" for \$10 per vehicle. C-TRAN will have a free shuttle service every 15 minutes from the north side of Westfield Vancouver Mall from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Before 6:00 p.m. C-TRAN will be on its normal Sunday/Holiday schedule. Keep in mind that it is unlawful to reserve parking on public thoroughfares. Also, please do not put barricades on any public right-of-way.

Emergency agencies, the Fort Vancouver National Trust, and the City of Vancouver appreciate your support and cooperation again this year to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone. If you have questions about parking passes, please call our office at (360) 992-1804. For additional event information or to purchase tickets to the event please visit our web site at: www.fortvan.org/fourth

Sincerely,

Fort Vancouver National Trust

