



May 1, 2015

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 few years. To keep the event economically sustainable there is a nominal admission fee of \$5 to those ages 13 and above for those who purchase tickets in advance. Admission will be \$7 for tickets purchased on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available for sale online and at any Vancouver Fred Meyer store at the customer service desk.

Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America has something fun for everyone! Spend the day with us kicking back on the lush lawns of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, learn about the history of the site by National Park Service rangers at the Hands on History area, party down with friends in the Adult Beverage Pavilion, or grab the kids and enjoy traditional family fun games and entertainment all day! Fort Vancouver has a 51 year history of providing our community with an exceptional fireworks display – and the best is yet to come! Using state of the art fireworks synchronized to music, the 2015 display will once again be launched from Pearson Field, providing attendees an unbelievably exciting and intimate fireworks show.

As in years past, the festivities are expected to draw large crowds to your neighborhood. The safety and security of residents and businesses near the celebration site are very important. Therefore, vehicle access on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be controlled from 6 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
- 9<sup>th</sup> and East Reserve
- 8<sup>th</sup> and "T" Street
- 6<sup>th</sup> and "U" Street
- 5<sup>th</sup> and "U" Street
- 5<sup>th</sup> and Fort Vancouver Way
- 5<sup>th</sup> and East Reserve
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- St. Johns and Fourth Plain will be a right turn only from St. Johns to Fourth Plain (i.e. west bound on Fourth Plain only) after 9 p.m.





- 5<sup>th</sup> and Grand will have controlled access at the conclusion of the fireworks.
- Fort Vancouver Way and McLoughlin will be closed after 9 p.m.

**Other items to make note of:**

- Both sides of Fort Vancouver Way from Fourth Plain to Mill Plain from July 2 to 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.

If you reside or own a business in the area described above, 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 can be picked up at the Marshall House located at 1301 Officers Row, Vancouver, WA 98661.** Passes will be available for pick-up on June 24, 25, 26, and June 29 - July 3 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 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). 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street and "U" for \$10 per vehicle. C-TRAN will have shuttle service every 15 minutes from the north side of Westfield Vancouver Mall from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for \$2.00 round-trip. 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) 992-1808. For additional event information or to purchase tickets to the event please visit our web site at: [www.fortvan.org/fourth](http://www.fortvan.org/fourth).

Sincerely,  
*Fort Vancouver National Trust*

