

July 4 Firework Extravaganza '12

AFTER-ACTION REPORT

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DATE: Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Purpose

The purpose of the event was to provide a safe, family-friendly event for residents and the community at large.

Executive Summary

Wednesday, July 4, events at 5 p.m., fireworks at 9:10 p.m.

Location: Municipal Park, 1900 S. Germantown Road

Celebrate the nation's birthday with moon bounces, games, crafts and refreshments. Then be amazed by a spectacular fireworks display.

Strengths / Weaknesses

Fire Department (Jody Dwyer and Jeff Beaman): reconsider the shell sizes (decrease the fall out burn time). Eliminate the "noise makers", which shook windows at GPAC and GAC. Potentially, the windows could easily shatter and break. Upon responding to a call from a resident on Boulinwood, during the event, fire personnel were unable to drive their emergency vehicle down the street; vehicles were parked on both sides of the street.

Police (Lt. Angie Lewis):

One pregnant lady was treated and released, at the Hospitality Tent, for excessive heat.

The group collectively proposes to

- Include the streets of Boulinwood and Cloverbrook (main fall-out zone) in street sweep agreement.
- Limit the number of cars allowed to park on the streets of Boulinwood and Cloverbrook. Therefore, ensuring easy access for emergency vehicles.
- Prior to the event, residents would be offered a limited amount of parking passes, for their friends / guests.
- On the day of the event (time TBD) only vehicles with this pass, displayed in their windshield, would gain access to the street.
- Those allowed to park on the street would be instructed to relocate their vehicles before midnight, so that a street sweeper could pass through.