



## **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Safe Events Update**

The 74-year tradition of Fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will continue in 2020 in a different way due to the Corona Virus pandemic, with a “Salute to Salute July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020”.

There will be a brief pyrotechnic display launched from a to be disclosed location at 10:00 PM Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Many Area residents and visitors will be able to see - and hear - the Salute to Salute July 4<sup>th</sup> from their homes and backyards.

St. Cloud area community members will be encouraged to look and listen from their doorsteps or backyard for the Salute to Salute July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. The short pyrotechnic display will be launched from a to be announced location. Area residents will learn which direction to look shortly before 10:00 pm Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> via area media outlets and St. Cloud Fireworks Social Media.

The health and safety of our event patrons, public safety officials, volunteers, event partners, vendors, the entire area community, and all involved in presenting the St. Cloud Area July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, is our top priority.

After careful consideration of all aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic with local, state, federal officials, and our key event partners, the St. Cloud Fireworks Committee determined a modified STC Area July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration is the best course of action to both recognize the significance of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 and provide a safe way for the community to celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup>.

With this in mind, a “full on” July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Fireworks will not take place this year as in previous years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

There will be no activities in Hester or Wilson Parks. No pyrotechnics will be launched from a barge in the Mississippi River this year.

Virtual and “Best Of” Fireworks will be available on the St. Cloud Fireworks website as well as an educational tribute to the history of Independence Day as part of the Salute to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!