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NEWS RELEASE

Independence Day Festivities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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In preparation for the Independence Day celebration in the City of Sheboygan, the Sheboygan Police Department would like to advise the public of planned traffic control efforts and relevant City Ordinances to help you make the day as enjoyable as possible.

Independence Day Traffic Restrictions:

After the fireworks, traffic flow will be restricted at the Rotary Intersection at S 8th Street and Indiana Avenue. There will be no north bound traffic allowed on S 8th Street from the round-about intersection.

All traffic coming south across the 8th Street Bridge will ONLY be allowed to proceed WEST on Indiana Avenue from the round-about intersection.

All traffic coming out of South Pier Drive will ONLY be allowed to proceed SOUTH on S 8th Street from the round-about intersection.

There will be no east bound traffic permitted on Pennsylvania Avenue beyond 14th Street.

If you view the fireworks from north of the Sheboygan River and have to get back to the south side, we suggest leaving west on Pennsylvania, Erie or Superior Avenues, and using 14th Street or Taylor Drive to go south.

If you view the fireworks from south of the Sheboygan River and have to get back to the north side, (remember, you will only be able to go south on 8th Street), we suggest turning west on Georgia Avenue or Broadway Avenue to reach South Business Drive and turn north.

We will attempt to have Officers manning the traffic lights on 14th Street to facilitate movement. Remember that everyone wants to leave at once and that is just not going to happen. Please be patient, and watch for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Everyone is encouraged to walk or use a bicycle if practical.
City Policies:

Fireworks: The possession and use of Fireworks is PROHIBITED in the City of Sheboygan. Enjoy the official fireworks display, but save yourself an expensive fine and do not bring your own fireworks into the City.

Alcohol: Alcohol possession and consumption is PROHIBITED ON ANY BEACH area in the City. Alcohol may be possessed and consumed on the area of Deland Park that is south of the pier (the vendor area), and on the grass area of King Park. No person may possess any glass container within any City of Sheboygan park.

Bonfires: Recreational Fires are allowed along the Lake Michigan shoreline from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Fires can be no larger than 36 inches in diameter and 18 inches high. Recreational fires can be wood-fueled only and must be at least 20 feet from any structure. To assist with beach cleanup from the July 4th festivities, we ask that fires NOT be buried at the end of the evening. Fires may be extinguished with water or left safely to burn out. Burying fires will cause injuries.

Excavation: No person may construct any pit or excavation in any public beach area.

Boats and Watercraft: Boats and Watercraft must remain clear of public beaches.

If you have any questions regarding City policies or traffic routes on July 4th, please contact the Sheboygan Police Department at (920) 459-3333. Also, information concerning traffic and beachfront activities will be posted at the Sheboygan Area Tourism website at www.visitsheboygan.com.