

Town of Madison  
Operational Plan for Independence Day Celebrations  
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### **Situation and Assumptions**

Each Independence Day, the Town and other private organizations collaborate on various public events, including fireworks, a parade and a concert on the green. Most of these events are sponsored by these private organizations, but the Town plays a prominent role in assisting these groups in providing a safe, enjoyable and family-oriented celebration. These large events lend themselves very well to an informal Incident Command structure. The sponsors of these events have the responsibility to coordinate police, public transportation, waste disposal, drop off and pick-up of portable sanitation facilities and other services. The sponsors also have the responsibility to cancel or postpone these events due to inclement weather, or for other reasons.

## **Fireworks**

The fireworks are sponsored by the Madison Fireworks Organization, Inc. (www.madisonfireworks.org) and are scheduled for **Wednesday, July 3, 2018** (**Rain Date Friday July 5**). Actual launch time is 9:30 PM. The fireworks are launched off a barge moored off the Madison shoreline at a location determined by the Madison Fire Marshal. The best viewing of the fireworks is from the Town Beaches, West Wharf, East Wharf and Surf Club. Admission to the Town Beach areas is regulated by the Town's Beach and Recreation Department. A private pyrotechnics company is hired to provide and set off the fireworks.

### Traffic Plan

The Madison Police Department has worked out a Traffic Plan, which has proven very effective over the years.

#### **Parking:**

- No parking will be allowed at posted areas of West Wharf and Surf Club Roads. Permanent and temporary parking areas will be enforced and vehicles found in a hazardous location will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.
- West Wharf Beach parking lot will be cleared of pedestrians beginning at 8:00 AM while the fireworks barge is loaded (for about 2 hours or so) and vehicles at 5:00 PM and remaining vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Vehicles parked at East Wharf Beach will not be allowed to leave the parking lot until all pedestrian traffic has cleared the area.

#### **Road Closures:**

- The following roads will be **closed** to vehicular traffic in the direction noted below at approximately 7:00 PM on **Wednesday July 3rd**
  - West Wharf Road (southbound)
  - Surf Club Road (westbound)
  - Middle Beach Road West (westbound)
  - Island Avenue (southbound)
  - Middle Beach Road from East Wharf Road to Island Avenue

- Parking will be allowed on north side of Seaview Ave., Middle Beach Road and east side of Island Ave. in designated areas. NO STREET PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON MIDDLE BEACH WEST.
- This closure may occur earlier if vehicle/pedestrian traffic levels are greater than normal (in this case, the applicable section of the Communications Plan will be implemented)
- Following the fireworks, Police Officers will direct traffic out of the Surf Club and other venues.
  - Traffic leaving the Surf Club will be directed to form two outbound lanes, one for vehicular traffic and one for pedestrian traffic.
  - There will be no inbound traffic into the Surf Club until authorized by the senior Police officer on-scene
  - No southbound traffic will be allowed on West Wharf Road until authorized by the senior Police officer on-scene

### **Public Transportation**

- Durham Bus Services will provide school buses to and from the intersection of West Wharf Road and Surf Club Road and the following parking lots, beginning at **7:00 PM**:
  - Samson Rock Drive/Stop & Shop
  - Railroad Station on Bradley Road
  - Rt. 79 Commuter parking lot at I-95
- Following the end of the fireworks, all busses will return commuters to these parking lots
- Busses will run until all potential passengers are accommodated

### Communications Plan

Pre-event information is contained on the Town website, at [www.madisonfireworks.org](http://www.madisonfireworks.org) and through the Police Department's Public Information Line at 203-245-6599.

**Cancellation Procedure:** The decision to cancel the fireworks is made by the Madison Fireworks Committee if the fireworks tubes are **not** loaded, or the Madison Fire Marshal, if the tubes **are** loaded.

## **Parade**

The Parade is sponsored by The Madison Exchange Club. It begins at **11 AM on Thursday July 4**, and leaves from Samson Rock Drive, proceeds westbound along Route 1, then southbound along West Wharf Road, then westbound on Surf Club Road and ends at the Surf Club. The parade will go, rain or shine, so there are very few instances where the Parade will have to be cancelled.

### Traffic Plan

The Madison Police Department has worked out a Traffic Plan, which has proven very effective over the years.

### **Road Closures:**

- Vehicles not participating in the Parade will not be allowed to traverse the parade route, once the parade has begun. Police officers will begin clearing the parade route at **10:45 AM** in the direction of the parade. Traffic will be held at intersections until the parade has passed.

### Communication Plan

Pre-event information is contained on the Town website and through the Police Department's Public Information Line at 203-245-6500.

**Cancellation Procedure:** If the decision is made to cancel the parade by the Parade Committee, this decision should be made by 10 AM.

## **Concert on the Green**

The concert(s) on The Green are sponsored by the Madison Cultural Arts. This year's performance will be on **Saturday July 6** starting with **the band Moto at 6:00 PM** and then the main concert by the **Wallingford Symphony Orchestra at about 7:00 PM**. The Green is owned by the First Congregational Church of Madison, and the concerts are strictly non-alcohol events. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to **Daniel Hand High School Auditorium**. Admittance is limited to the first 420 concert patrons who arrive to fill the fixed seating in the Cafeteria/Auditorium.

### Communications Plan

Pre-event information is contained on the Town website and through the Police Department's Public Information Line at 203-245-6599. Unless the decision to cancel the concerts is made by 3 PM on **Saturday July 6**, it will be impractical impossible to get these information sources updated in time to be effective at reducing the amount of traffic coming to the Green. The Madison Info Line could also be used to get cancellation information disseminated to a small number of residents.

**Cancellation Procedure:** The decision to cancel the concerts, and thus move them to Daniel Hand High School, is made by the Madison Cultural Arts.