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NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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NEW BRITAIN FIREWORKS POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

NEW BRITAIN—The New Britain Parks and Recreation Department announced today that the **21st Annual Great American Boom** at Stanley Quarter Park has been **postponed to its rain date of Saturday, July 5th**. The celebration will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the opening of several attractions and food vendors, followed by a concert starting at 6:00 PM by **Latanya Farrell and the Bookman Styles Band**, and finally culminates with a spectacular fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill DeMaio said several reasons led to this move. “The first concern was that the fireworks company starts setting up early Friday morning and any rain would delay their setup and put the show at risk of being ready for Friday night. Secondly, the vast majority of our spectators enjoy our show lying on blankets in the grass of beautiful Stanley Quarter Park. Any rain on Friday would make this a very uncomfortable if not impossible thing to do. We want everything perfect for this massive community celebration,” said Demaio. Recreation Superintendent Erik Barbieri added, “The weather for Saturday looks to be absolutely gorgeous so moving to that day makes perfect sense.”

The Recreation Department will have an entire fleet of attractions set up for public enjoyment, consisting of: giant trampolines, carnival games, interactive inflatables, pony rides, micro derby car races, and other attractions. A \$5.00 wristband will need to be purchased. There will also be a family 4 pack for \$15.00, which will allow for unlimited access to all the attractions and the petting zoo from 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Additionally, clowns will be roaming the park performing magic and creating balloon animals along with a variety of face painters and an artist doing caricatures. “This is a great opportunity to have a picnic in the park, and enjoy a pre-fireworks concert,” said DeMaio.

For everyone’s delectable enjoyment the largest array of food vendors in the history of the Great American Boom will be selling a variety of special treats including: hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, steak and cheese grinders, fried shrimp, fried clams, buffalo wings, thai food, fried dough, funnel cakes, fried desserts, Italian ice, kettle korn, ice cream, non alcoholic pina coladas, slushies and more. So bring your appetites and be prepared to enjoy a hearty feast.

Parking will be made available at Central Connecticut State University. Handicapped parking is available at Stanley Quarter Park through Eddy Glover Boulevard entrance only. Be sure to arrive early and bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and bug spray to sit down and enjoy the firework show. For more exciting program information check out our summer brochure, or visit us on the web at www.nbparksnrec.org, or call the Parks and Recreation Hotline at (860) 826-3360.