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Vernon's Annual 'July in the Sky' Fireworks Show and Celebration Set for Tuesday

Activities, Live Music, Food Vendors at Henry Park and Downtown Rockville

(VERNON, Connecticut) – Vernon's premier summer event, the July in the Sky Fireworks show and community celebration, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in downtown Rockville and Henry Park.

Family-friendly festivities begin at 6 p.m. at each location. Gates open at 6 p.m. at Henry Park. There will be live music, all kinds of food vendors and amusements such as bounce houses, climbing walls, giant slides and more. In downtown Rockville, a Push, Pull and Pedal Patriotic Parade steps off at 6:45 p.m.

The evening culminates in a spectacular fireworks show that is fired from the driveway in front of Fox Hill Tower, the highest point in Vernon. The show is visible from throughout the region, but the best viewing spots are in Henry Park and downtown Rockville. The fireworks show begins after 9:15 p.m.

"July in the Sky is something everyone in Vernon looks forward to," Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. "It's a great opportunity for our community to come together, have a great time and enjoy a spectacular fireworks show."

The Vernon Parks and Recreation Department manages events at Henry Park. Admission to the park is \$10 per car and \$2 per walker (cash only). A wristband for activities and amusements is \$15 (cash only).

The Rockville Downtown Association is managing events in downtown Rockville. There is no charge to watch the fireworks. Bracelets for access to activities and amusements are \$10 (cash only).

There will be a variety of food vendors selling everything from kettle corn to ice cream to fried dough, lobster rolls, pizza, hotdogs and hamburgers.

For the latest information on what activities and food vendors will be in each location, please visit the July in the Sky page on the town website: www.vernon-ct.gov/july-in-the-sky

In the event of rain, July in the Sky activities and the fireworks will be postponed to Wednesday, July 12.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of more than 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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