

## Local Fourth of July Events Scheduled

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If you haven't decided how you and your family will celebrate our nation's birthday this year, several events have been scheduled in, and around, Macon County including a Pre-Fourth of July Celebration at The White House Assisted Living in Lafayette, an Independence Day Parade in Hartsville, the Westmoreland Freedom Fest Independence Day Celebration and a Fourth of July celebration at the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Dept.

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**Lafayette:** Everyone is invited to a Pre-4th of July Celebration on Tuesday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn at The White House Assisted Living. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music presented by: Paul Ballou, Keith Ballou & Friends. Serving an all American Meal of Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Chips & Drinks. Fireworks at dusk. This event is free to attend.

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**Westmoreland:** The Westmoreland Freedom Fest Independence Day Celebration will be held Saturday, June 29, at 3 p.m. at the Ricky Woodard Memorial Park. There will be live music, a cakewalk, an inflatable slide for children and fireworks at 10 p.m. This event is free for children.

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**Hartsville:** Hartsville Independence Day Parade – Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. The parade will go down Main Street to the park. After the parade, there will be food and live entertainment in the park and fireworks at 8 p.m.

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**Mount Vernon:** Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Dept. (next to 4103 Bakerton Rd., Red Boiling Springs). Fireworks at dark – bring your lawn chairs. Tournaments begin at 10 a.m.: Horseshoes, volleyball, cornhole & pitch (after fireworks). Tournament rules will be announced prior to each tournament. Concessions: BBQ plates, sandwiches, drinks, chips, desserts, etc. Not responsible for injuries or accidents. Free to attend. All donations are greatly appreciated.

The number one concern about the Fourth of July holiday is safety. To ensure the safety of you and your loved ones this holiday, the Lafayette Fire Department encourages everyone to adhere to the following fireworks safety tips:

1.

Sparklers, considered by many as “safe,” burn at very high temperatures, can easily ignite clothing and stay hot long after burning out. They are as dangerous as matches or lighters to children. Be sure to collect all burned out sparkler wires for disposal.

2.

Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close supervision. Never allow any running or horseplay.

3.

Use lighters with a child resistant feature. Keep matches and lighters out of children’s reach.

4.

Light fireworks outdoors, one at a time, on a clear, smooth, flat surface away from houses, dry leaves or grass, or flammable materials.

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Keep water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on misfired or spent fireworks.

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6.

Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Douse and soak them with water and throw them away.

7.

Be sure other people and pets are out of range.

8.

Never experiment with fireworks or ignite them in a glass or metal container. Do not attempt to make your own.

9.

Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas. Store them in a dry, cool place out of reach of children.

10.

Dispose of all fireworks properly.