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# News Release

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## **Lafayette's Fourth of July Community Celebration will continue without a public fireworks display**

**LAFAYETTE, Colo June 28, 2012** – The food, beer, music and fun planned for July fourth at Waneka Lake Park will proceed as planned, but the public fireworks display has been canceled this year.

"Because so many fires have erupted in the region, and out of respect for our neighbors who are fighting those fires, we're making a cautious decision to cancel our fireworks show," explains Gary Klaphake, City Manager. "We'll still be hosting a wide array of activities, food and music at Waneka Park to provide the community with an opportunity to safely celebrate the holiday."

The Lafayette Fire Department has issued a fireworks ban and restriction on open burning within City limits. Very dry conditions and high temperatures have created significant fire danger throughout the state.

**ALLOWED:** Charcoal and liquid fuel grills on private property.

**BANNED:** The use of fireworks is prohibited in ALL instances. Open burning, blasting, model rockets, welding, or other activities which generate flame or flammable material are also prohibited in all areas.

The Lafayette Police Department will strictly enforce the fireworks ban. All fireworks including sparklers and smoke bombs are outlawed. Officers will confiscate all fireworks and cite those in possession or caught using them. No warnings will be issued and violators could face charges which carry a possible fine up to \$1,000 and/or 90 days in jail.

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Celebration Line-Up**

#### **Waneka Lake Park / 1600 Caria Drive**

- 4-8pm Food Concessions, Beer, and Wine Garden.
- 4-8pm Free Kid's Activities/Lawn Games/Face Painting/Balloon Sculpting in the kid's area.
- 4-8pm Bounce House/Slide and Pony Rides
- 5-9pm Free Concert by Chris Daniels and the Kings; staples in the Colorado music scene playing

R & B, Funk, Blues and good old fashion Rock and Roll.

6:30pm Pie Eating Contest – pre registration required at [www.lafayettecolorado.com](http://www.lafayettecolorado.com)

Shuttle service will be provided from the east parking lot of Flatirons Community Church from 4-9:30pm. The church is located at 355 W South Boulder Rd.

Alcohol, glass bottles or containers, grills of any kind, fireworks and open fires are not allowed at the event.

For additional event information contact the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at 303-666-4392 or refer to [www.lafayettecolorado.com](http://www.lafayettecolorado.com)

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