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## *Madeira Beach Celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> of July with Fireworks, Fun and Community*

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – The night sky over the City of Madeira Beach will light up with rockets red, white and blue glare on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in celebration of our country's independence. The massive fireworks display is scheduled to start at 9 p.m. and will be launched from the Inter-coastal Waterway near R.O.C. Park and visible from virtually anywhere on the island.

“The City of Madeira Beach has always been one of the most popular destinations for celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July because our fireworks display is second to none,” said Jonathan Evans, City Manager. “Thousands of people spend the day on the beach, dining in restaurants, shopping and enjoying what we call “island time” before the big show that night.”



Madeira Beach Fire Department Chief Derryl O’Neal reminds residents and visitors to leave the fireworks to the professionals. “Remember if it flies or explodes, it’s probably illegal and even sparkles can cause a serious burn,” said O’Neal. Pet owners should also remember that pets frighten easily during a fireworks display, and often run away from the noise. Pets should be left in an interior room to shelter them from noise, and always make sure your pets tags are up to date in case they run off during the celebration.

The day after the fireworks celebration, the City of Madeira Beach, in partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful, will host the annual Liberty Cleanup at Archibald Park, 15102 Gulf Blvd., 7 a.m. – noon. Volunteers are invited to help city staff and their neighbors remove debris including fireworks, cans, paper and other items from the beach. No advanced registration is needed for the cleanup, and all volunteers will be provided gloves when checking in with city staff at the entrance to the park.

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