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Fourth of July fun is plentiful

Parades, music and fireworks offer something for everyone

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Many cities are offering shuttle service to and from this year's Independence Day celebrations.

America will be 241 years old Tuesday, and while we've yet to hear of anyone planning to squeeze that many candles onto one cake, we have rounded up the biggest Fourth of July celebrations in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties. You'll find fireworks and hot dogs at these events, of course, but you'll also encounter a "tattoo-artist magician," games of something called human foosball and a live rendition of "Who Let the Dogs Out." Happy birthday, USA. Woof, woof.

Please note: Most events take place Tuesday and are free unless otherwise indicated. Food is available for purchase. Prohibited items include: alcoholic beverages, glass containers, cans, weapons, sparklers and personal fireworks. Some places do not allow coolers, backpacks, bags larger than 12 by 12 inches, drones, horns, bicycles, lawn-chair bags or barbecue grills. Pets should be left at home.

Palm Beach County

BOCA RATON
Fabulous Fourth Celebration. Free family activities beginning at 6:30 p.m. include a giant "Stars & Stripes" slide, carnival games, food trucks, Shock Wave, Pirates Revenge and Mickey Park Toddler Center. All-Star Band will play classic rock 'n' roll. Free trolley service will be available from Boca Corporate Center and Campus and and the City of Boca Raton Public Library. Fireworks display takes place at 9 p.m. Spanish River Sports Complex at deHoernle Park, 1000 NW Spanish River Blvd. 561-393-7995, MyBoca.us.

Sunset Cove July Fourth Celebration. The 10th annual event starting at 5:30 p.m. features music by Gypsy Lane, a kids' area, interactive prize wheel and food and beverage concessions. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. A fireworks display closes out the night. Sunset Cove Amphitheater, 12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 561-488-8069.

BOYNTON BEACH
Pre-Independence Day Festivities. This year, the fun takes place from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Kids' Corner fun activities will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Delray Dive's Step Team takes the stage at 6 p.m. Dee Dee Wilde Band performs at 6:30 p.m. On the Roxx Band ('80s tribute show) performs at 7:30 p.m., followed by fireworks. On the Roxx Band will perform again after the fireworks. A patriotic salute will be conducted by the Boynton Beach Fire Department Honor Guard at 8:45 p.m., right before the 9 p.m. musically choreographed fireworks show. Limited seating will be available. Spectators can bring their own blankets and chairs. A free park and ride shuttle from Boynton Beach City Hall (100 E. Boynton Beach Blvd.) and from Ezell Hester Center (1901 N. Seacrest Blvd.) will be available from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Final pickup is at 8:30 p.m. Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway. 561-742-6246, Boynton-Beach.org.

DELRAY BEACH
The fun takes place from 5 to 9:30 p.m. with live entertainment, mini-golf course, Kids' Corner and al fresco dining. The sandcastle contest is from 8 a.m. to noon. Fireworks launch at 9 p.m. from the north end of the beach. Parking will be available at Robert Federspiel Parking Garage, 22 SE First Ave., and Old School Square Parking Garage, 95 NE First Ave. State Road A1A and Atlantic Avenue. 561-278-0424, JulyFourthDelrayBeach.com.

GREEN ACRES
Ignite the Night Independence Day Celebration. This patriotic celebration from 5:30 to 10 p.m. features music by the Groove, "Most Patriotic Dressed" contest, stilt walker, rides, games, arts and crafts and food vendors. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m. at Greenacres Community Park, 2905 Jog Road. 561-642-2090, GreenacresFl.gov.

LAKE WORTH
Independence Day Celebration. The annual festivities kick off with a parade at 11:30 a.m. A raft race at 1 p.m. will travel on the Intracoastal Waterway at Bryant Park. Family fun activities are scheduled from 1 to 9:30 p.m. and include a car show, kids' area and bounce house. Performing musical groups include Gravel Kings, JM & the Sweets, Brothers of Others and blues artist Matthew Curry. Stick around for the fireworks at 9 p.m. Bryant Park, 100 S. Golfview Road. 561-533-7395, LakeWorth.org.

ROYAL PALM BEACH
Star Spangled Spectacular. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. with a Kids' Fun Zone featuring carnival-style rides, slides and games. It runs until 8 p.m. and requires a wristband purchase of $10 per child. More than 20 gourmet food trucks will be part of the Food Truck Invasion. Arts and crafts vendors will sell local artists' wares and local musicians will provide entertainment throughout the day. In addition, there will be volleyball, cornhole and bass-fishing tournaments as well as paddleboard and kayak rentals. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted. Shuttle service is available at 4 p.m. and after the fireworks. Zambelli Fireworks International Show begins at 9 p.m. Royal Palm Beach Commons Park, 11600 Poinciana Blvd. 561-790-5149, RoyalPalmBeach-.com.

WELLINGTON
Fourth of July Celebration. Enjoy the music of Studio 54 Tribute band, bounce houses, face painting, a petting zoo, traditional games (pie-eating, watermelon-eating, Hula-Hoop, egg toss, sack races, tug of war), food trucks, vendors and free bingo beginning at 6 p.m. The evening is topped off with Zambelli Fireworks display accompanied by Studio 54 simulcast music at 9:15 p.m. It will be visible from Village Park and surrounding areas. Free shuttle service is available from the Mall at Wellington Green at the Palm Tran bus stop beginning at 6 p.m. It will not run while the fireworks show is in progress. Bring chairs or blankets. Drinks are allowed. Wellington Parks and Recreation, 11700 Pierson Road. 561-791-4005, WellingtonFl.gov.

WEST PALM BEACH
Fourth on Flagler. The large outdoor Independence Day celebration runs from 5 to 10 p.m. and features two stages of local acts, military honor ceremony, larger-than-life versions of games (including human foosball and bowling), as well as free kids' activities. Food and drink will be for sale. An 18-minute fireworks extravaganza over the Intracoastal begins at 9 p.m. Waterfront Promenade and City Commons, 101 N. Flagler Drive. 561-822-1515, WPB.org/CRA.

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