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HPD plans to crack down on fireworks

There will be something for everyone to enjoy this year during 4th of July celebrations in Holyoke.

Kicking off the day will be the Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department Family Fun Day at Homesteaders Park. The fun will begin at 1 p.m. with many activities. There will be games for everyone. With warm weather in the forecast, the water games should be a big hit with those trying to stay cool. A pie and ice cream social will also be held.

After spending a fun day in the sun, people are urged to walk over to the grandstands to enjoy some Phillips County Raceway stock car races. The four usual classes (modified, sport mod, hobby stock and stock) will be joined by the midget and dwarf divisions.

The roar of the engines will begin at 5 p.m. Race time has been moved up from the normal 7:30 p.m. to allow for the packed field to finish so spectators have time to venture over to City Park for the annual fireworks display.

HVFD plans to shoot the first firework off at dusk.

Police will be on the lookout for fireworks

Holyoke Police Department will be out in full force Wednesday night, July 4, keeping an eye on firework use. Police Chief Doug Bergstrom said last week that they are planning to confiscate fireworks and write tickets to people not obeying the city ordinance and recent order signed by Gov. John Hickenlooper.

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Due to the extremely dry conditions, HPD said it just isn't safe. Hickenlooper recently signed an executive order that bans open burning and private use of fireworks throughout Colorado due to the very dry conditions.

Under normal circumstances, most fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal to possess or discharge under state law.

Citizens are encouraged to take a seat at City Park to enjoy the display that HVFD plans to offer.

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