

FAQ

New Year's Eve
Drive-In Fireworks



What does the NYE fireworks celebration look like this year?

Presenting partners City of Spokane Parks & Recreation, Spokane Indians Baseball Club, Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf, and Spokane Public Schools are collaborating with several underwriters to bring the community a socially distant New Year's Eve celebration, offering a geographically dispersed drive-in fireworks experience.

Four separate fireworks displays will be offered simultaneously across several Spokane neighborhoods. People are encouraged to watch from their homes if nearby, or to view the fireworks drive-in style. The shows are made possible by the generous support of underwriters: American On-Site Services, Avista, Edward Jones Investments, Great Clips, Gus Johnson Ford, MultiCare, No-Li, Numerica Credit Union, R'nR RV Dealers, STCU, and Wake Up Call Coffee. Media partners are KHQ/SWX Television, 93.7 FM The Mountain, and The Spokesman-Review.

Where will the fireworks be displayed?

- Dwight Merkel Sports Complex (North)
- Ferris High School (South)
- Avista Stadium (Central)
- Plante's Ferry Sports Stadium (Valley)

What time are the shows? Do they all run at the same time?

Fireworks shows will run simultaneously at 9 P.M.

How long will the fireworks shows last?

They will be similar to shows enjoyed at Spokane Indians baseball games -- approximately eight minutes long with a finale, at four simultaneous locations in a neighborhood near you! And all free to the community, with thanks to generous underwriters.

What time can I arrive to park?

Parking lots will open at 7:30 P.M.

Why don't parking lots open sooner?

Opening up the lots ninety minutes prior to the shows focuses on safety by discouraging crowds from gathering in the lots all day amidst COVID-19 safety measures, in alignment with phase 2

guidelines for drive-in movie theaters. Ninety minutes provides a window of equal opportunity for people to park, and we will have traffic control and parking attendants to assist with parking.

How many parking spots are available?

Parking will be limited, and varies by location. Approximately 1,700 parking spaces will be available between the four lots. We anticipate lots filling quickly after opening at 7:30 P.M., and will close the lots when they are full. Please have a second or third parking option in mind in case you encounter a full parking lot. Cars will be parked every-other space to foster social distancing, and you will be asked to remain in your car per phase 2 guidelines.

If the lots are full when I arrive, where else can I park?

Prior to the event, consider the area and have a parking plan B and C in mind. Please be respectful of privately-owned parking lots nearby, and if parking on the streets, be courteous to neighbors and obey parking laws.

Will you have people directing parking?

Each parking lot will be staffed with several licensed security personnel and police officers to position vehicles appropriately, and to ensure the safety and security of attendees within the designated event parking areas throughout the duration of the event.

What COVID-19 precautions are you taking?

In coordination with the Spokane Regional Health District and Governor’s Office, phase 2 guidelines for drive-in movie theaters will be followed. Above and beyond requirements, on-site security and parking personnel will help maintain distancing.

COVID-19 protocols for the drive-in fireworks celebration:

1. Parking lots will open 90 minutes prior to the event to discourage pre-event functions
2. Vehicles will be parked every-other space to ensure a minimum of 10’ distance between each
3. Guests must remain in their vehicles, except to visit the restroom
4. Guests must wear a cloth face covering if leaving the vehicle to use the restroom
5. Signage will be placed at the entrance outlining social distancing guidelines
6. Security personnel will place a flyer under each vehicle's windshield wiper, facing inward, outlining event-specific COVID safety procedures
7. Each parking lot will be staffed with licensed security personnel plus two police officers to direct traffic, position vehicles appropriately, and ensure the safety and security of attendees
8. Event staff and security personnel are required to wear face masks and gloves at all times. Anyone with flu-like symptoms, or who has been in contact with a COVID-19 positive person, should not be working the event.

9. Portable restrooms equipped with hand sanitizing units will be available at each location and spaced to support distancing.

How does this event meet phase 2 guidelines, isn't it a large gathering?

We are following the phase 2 guidelines for drive-in movie theaters during this drive-in fireworks celebration, in coordination with the Governor's Office and Spokane Regional Health District. We are also taking additional precautions above and beyond those required.

Will toilets be available?

Portable toilets equipped with hand sanitizer units will be on site, courtesy of American On-Site Services.

Can I watch the fireworks from the adjacent park/greenspace?

Please follow current guidelines while enjoying green spaces, including social distancing and CDC recommendations to slow the spread of germs. Keep in mind that parking lots will be closed during the day, and open at 7:30 P.M. for drive-in viewing.

Do the fireworks shows meet the noise ordinance?

Yes. Spokane County Code 6.12.020, A8 provides an exception to the noise ordinance for "sounds originating from officially sanctioned parades and other public events." City of Spokane Municipal Code 10.08D.040 has an exemption for events that receive a special event permit.

Who is paying for the fireworks and community celebration?

Several generous underwriters are contributing to provide the community a free fireworks celebration: American On-Site Services, Avista, Edward Jones Investments, Great Clips, Gus Johnson Ford, MultiCare, No-Li, Numerica Credit Union, R'nR RV Dealers, STCU, and Wake Up Call Coffee. Media partners are KHQ/SWX Television, 93.7 FM The Mountain, and The Spokesman-Review. In addition, the Spokane Indians Baseball Club and City of Spokane Parks & Recreation are reshaping fireworks plans from cancelled NYE fireworks activities due to COVID-19, and Spokane County Parks, Recreation & Golf along with Spokane Public Schools are providing resources as presenting partners.

How will you prevent illegal activity?

Appropriate security personnel and police officers will be on site at each location to ensure the safety and security of attendees throughout the duration of the community celebration.

Where can I go for more information?

For more information, please visit www.SpokaneParks.org/nyefireworks