

City of Marathon
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RE: 4th of July Press Release

Beach Closed for the 4th of July, Fireworks show still a go!

The City of Marathon is proud to announce that we will be celebrating the Fourth of July this year with a fantastic fireworks show, however in an effort to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, Sombrero Beach will be closed on the 4th of July, 2020 and all other festivities at the beach cancelled. The beach will remain closed until a daylight inspection can be conducted and the area deemed safe. The City anticipates that to be late morning Sunday 07/05/20 and will release more information as the holiday approaches.

“Closing the beach is something that none of us want to do, but feel is best for the safety of our residents and guests. We have been monitoring the situation closely. As of today, with the increase in cases, high numbers of beach visitors and the need to slow the spread to avoid reverting to further closures, it is the appropriate measured response. It would have been easy to cancel everything weeks ago, but our community deserves better. Celebrating our nation’s Independence is not only about “Pomp and Parade”, it has grown to be a day of unity for Americans and the celebration will go on in a modified fashion.”

-Chuck Lindsey, City Manager

While the beach will be closed, the Firework celebration will continue and begin at 9:00 P.M on Saturday, July 4th. The legacy audio portion of the show will be broadcast on FM 98.7 and be able to be seen in other locations throughout town and or on the water. Those who wish to view the fireworks are urged to plan to find locations suitable for viewing and use social distancing.

More information will be released in coming days.