

# Weaverville July 4 Block Party Info

## Where can I park for the event?

- On-street parking spaces south of the intersection of Brown Street and South Main Street
- On-street parking north of the Church Street and Main Street intersection
- First Baptist Church parking lot accessible off Reeves Street
- United Methodist parking lots accessible from Reeves Street or Main Street
- First Presbyterian parking lot accessible off Church Street or Alabama Avenue
- Pine Street at the Main Street Nature Park
- In the past, some have parked in lots on Weaver Boulevard and walked into town with ease.

## Will shuttles be available?

No shuttles are available for the July 4 event.

## Will handicapped parking be available?

Yes, limited handicapped parking will be available at the corner of Merrimon Avenue and Alabama Avenue. A handicapped plate or placard must be presented to access this parking.

## Why did the July 4 event move from Lake Louise back to downtown Weaverville?

There are several reasons for the decision to move the event back downtown. First, pyrotechnics regulations require a specific safety radius based on the fireworks mortar size. In order to provide the best sight line at Lake Louise, we had to increase the mortar size, which dictated that the safety radius be increased. No homes can be occupied within the safety radius. With new homes built within the specified safety radius, the Town did not find it appropriate to ask residents to leave their homes. Second, many residents, business owners, and visitors advocated to Town Council that the event be moved back downtown where it was held some years ago.

## Why is Main Street closed so early (at 12pm)?

There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into this type of event. The road closure plan for this event is identical to the one used for Art in Autumn. The portion of Main Street from Brown Street to Church Street will be closed to allow vendors to set up in the municipal parking lot, the stage crew to set up the stage, lights, and sound system and the pyrotechnics crew to stage the fireworks on the baseball field at Weaverville Primary School. This event is the culmination of a tremendous amount of effort by the Town's Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments. The early road closure is necessary for our teams to ensure your safety!

## Where is the best place for me and my family to sit to enjoy the fireworks?

Main Street is closed, therefore you are welcome to bring chairs and sit in the street. Our pyrotechnics vendor has suggested that the fireworks should be visible from the stage north to the municipal parking lot and possibly as far as the Church Street intersection. Obviously much of the sight line is dependent upon buildings and trees.

## Are pets permitted?

No. We ask that you leave your pets safe at home for this type of event involving fireworks and large crowds.

## Will alcohol be permitted on the streets?

No. Alcohol can only be consumed on the premises of a business that is permitted to sell alcohol.

## Can I bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event?

No. Some may consider sparklers to be safer than fireworks, but "sparklers account for more injuries than any other kind of firework", according to reports by the Consumer Products Safety Commission. Some sparklers burn at upwards of 1800°F. The Town is committed to the safety of all in attendance for the event and will not permit sparklers or any other outside fireworks.