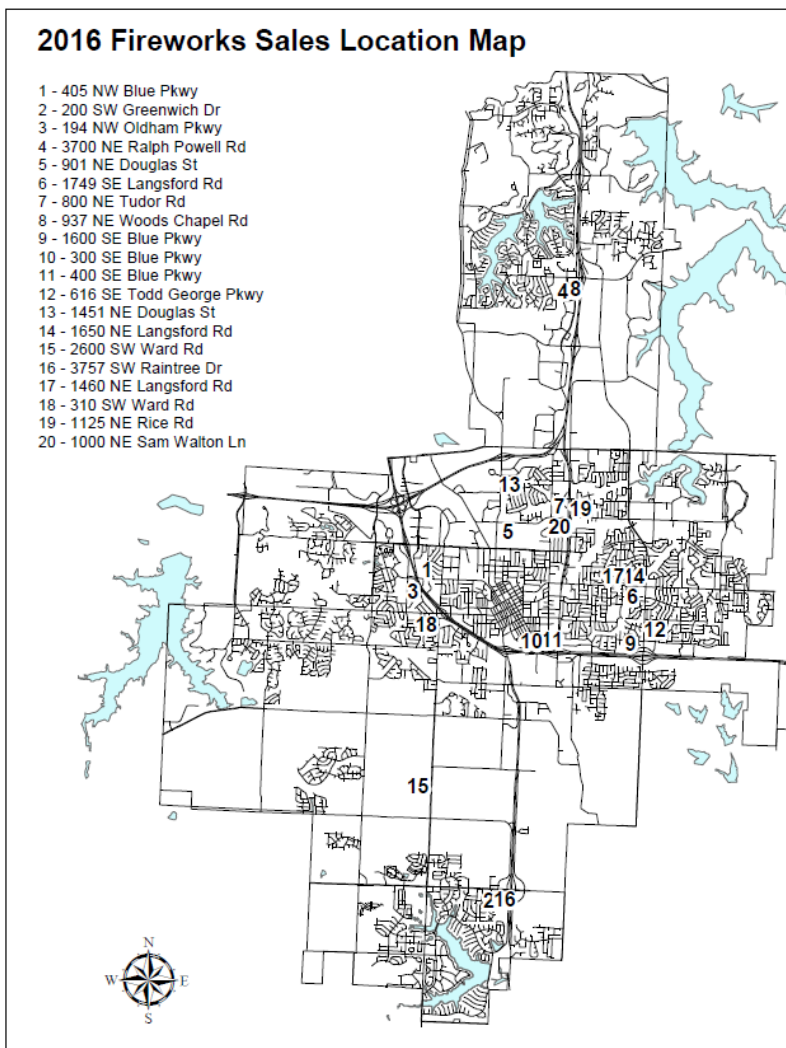


LSFD Fireworks Activity Summary for 2016

Compared to the previous nine years of legal fireworks sales in the City of Lee's Summit, the Lee's Summit Fire Department is pleased to report that the 2016 fireworks season was relatively uneventful. The dry weather conditions coming into the middle of June were a concern, but fortunately an abundant amount of rain greatly reduced the fire danger due to fireworks use. The forecast of heavy rain over the holiday weekend may have been the reason for the increased use of fireworks on July 1st. It is likely residents wanted to take advantage of what may have been the only dry night of the weekend to discharge their fireworks. The following is summary of fireworks activities for 2016.

Fireworks Tents

The fireworks tent process began in early spring. Thirty tent applications from not- for- profit organizations were received by the Planning and Codes Administration Department during the first three business days of April. On April 5th, twenty applications were selected by lottery. The selected applications were reviewed and the applicants provided with comments from the Fire Department and the Department of Planning and Codes Administration. Tents were located at the following locations:



By ordinance tent sales are not allowed until June 23rd. The first of twenty tents opened on June 24th and the last tent opened on July 1st. The majority of the tents (16) were open by June 29th.

The process to open the tents included an initial inspection by the Fire Department and the Department of Planning and Codes Administration to look at the physical layout of the tent and address any life safety and electrical concerns prior to any fireworks being delivered to the tent. This was followed by the Fire Department's stock inspection before opening to the public. During the stock inspections illegal fireworks were identified in five of the tents and removed by the vendor. These products consisted mainly of roman candles found in variety packs and parachutes with illuminated materials. After opening, each tent received a daily life safety and product inspection. During these inspections illegal fireworks (roman candles in restocked variety packs and parachutes with illuminated materials) were identified and removed from four of the tents. The illegal products found on follow up inspections are attributed to the accidental delivery of product intended for other cities. If a product was in question, it was removed from display until its operation could be determined.

The Prevention Division completed 160 inspections during the period that tents were open. An additional 20 visits were made to check the tents after significant weather, or to deliver Fireworks Permits for distribution. Below is a summary of activity by tent:

2016 Fireworks Tent Inspections

Location	Not-for Profit (Applicant)	First Inspection	Date Opened	Total Inspections	Violations FW/Tent	
					Set-Up	Daily
405 NW Blue Pkwy.	Relay For Life (American Cancer Society)	6/27	6/30	6	0/0	0/0
200 SW Greenwich Dr.	Paws 4 Autism	6/28	6/28	9	0/1	0/1
194 NW Oldham Pkwy.	Hillcrest Ministries	6/24	6/27	10	0/2	0/0
3757 NE Ralph Powell Rd.	Husky Athletic Assoc.	6/24	6/26	11	0/1	1/1
901 NE Douglas St.	LS North High School PTSA	6/24	6/28	8	0/1	0/0
1749 SE Langsford Rd.	Knights of Columbus	6/24	6/30	5	1/1	0/0
800 NE Tudor Rd.	Lee's Summit Christian Church	6/24	6/25	11	1/0	2/3
937 NE Woods Chapel Rd.	Cosentino Charity Foundation	6/29	6/29	7	0/3	0/2
1600 SE Blue Pkwy.	Lake Lotawana United Methodist Church	6/29	6/29	7	0/6	2/2
300 SE Blue Pkwy.	Grace Church	6/27	6/28	8	0/0	0/0
400 SE Blue Pkwy.	LS High School PTSA	6/24	6/28	8	1/1	0/0
615 SE Todd George Pkwy	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	6/28	6/29	7	0/2	0/0

Location	Not-for Profit (Applicant)	First Inspection	Date Opened	Total Inspections	Violations FW/Tent	
					Set-Up	Daily
1451 NE Douglas St.	Coldwater of Lee's Summit	6/24	6/29	7	0/1	0/0
1650 NE Langsford Rd.	Life Christian Center	6/28	6/28	8	0/1	0/0
2600 SW Ward Rd.	LS West High School Music Parents	6/27	6/29	7	0/0	0/0
3757 SW Raintree Dr.	KCCM, Inc.	6/24	6/26	12	0/2	4/0
1460 NE Langsford Rd.	Faith Baptist Church	7/1	7/2	5	1/4	0/1
310 SW Ward Rd.	Autism Outreach Fellowship	6/25	6/28	8	0/0	0/1
1125 NE Rice Rd.	Developing Potential	7/1	7/1	6	1/5	0/2
1000 NE Sam Walton Ln.	Hope House	6/24	7/27	10	0/1	0/0
Totals				160	5/32	9/13

Fortunately the heavy rain over the weekend was not accompanied by high wind, and there was little or no water damage to any of the tents. Tent operators were provided with severe weather notification via forwarded NIXLE text messages. This same group paging was also intended to be used to share information from tent to tent about suspicious activity.

The Police Department provided information on how to identify counterfeit currency. A "Know your Money" handout was given to each of the tents to educate them on how to identify fake currency.

Fireworks Discharge

Residents with a city permit may shoot approved fireworks on July 2nd and 3rd between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 p.m., and on July 4th between the hours of 10 a.m. and midnight. Permits were available at the tents, including a tent outside the city, online, and at City Hall. The permits are intended to educate residents on the proper use of fireworks in the city.

In preparation for the beginning of the season a News Release was sent to the media and select City departments. The City's web page was also updated and fireworks information was presented on LSTV. Several fireworks posts were placed on the City's and the Fire Department's Facebook pages.



2016 Fireworks Permit

This permit is valid only for:

July 2nd & 3rd between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.;
July 4th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and Midnight:

Read the provisions of the Fireworks Ordinance printed on back

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

By signing I acknowledge that I have read and will adhere to the provisions of the Ordinance for the use of approved fireworks in the City of Lee's Summit and understand that if found guilty of a violation in Lee's Summit Municipal Court, I may be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both.

Signature _____ Date _____

Fireworks Code 5601.1.3

The possession and use of Division 1.3G fireworks shall be permitted only in accordance with Section 5600.

The possession, storage, handling and use of certain Division 1.4G fireworks shall be permitted within the corporate limits of the City, provided such fireworks comply with Chapter 320 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and all applicable Ordinances and Codes of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, except that it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, store, handle, or use, within the corporate limits of the City, the following Division 1.4G fireworks:

A. Rockets on a stick;

B. Missiles with fins or rudders for the purpose of achieving aerodynamic flight; and

C. Roman Candles, California Candles, Illuminating Torches, or similar items, with or without spikes, which contain wording on the caution label that is substantially similar to the following: "WARNING SHOOTING FLAMING BALLS" or "WARNING SHOOTING FLAMING BALLS AND REPORTS"; and single or multi-shot parachutes with night effects.

The use of Class 1.4G fireworks within the City limits shall only be permitted on July 2 and 3 of each year between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M. and on July 4 of each year between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and Midnight.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, use, explode, detonate, aim, point or shoot fireworks, including pyrotechnic devices, in such a manner that, after it is ignited, will propel it, or any part thereof, such that it, or any part thereof, lands on property not owned by the person shooting the fireworks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, use, explode, detonate, or shoot fireworks within any structure.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, use, explode, detonate, or shoot fireworks within six hundred feet of any church, hospital, mental health facility, school, or within one hundred feet of any location where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale.

No person shall use, explode, detonate, or shoot fireworks within, or throw the same from, a motorized vehicle including watercraft or any other means of transportation, except where a display permit has been issued for a floating vessel or floating platform, nor shall any person place or throw any ignited firework into or at a motorized vehicle including watercraft or any other means of transportation, or at or near any person, group of people, or animal.

No person shall throw, use, explode, detonate, or shoot fireworks within three hundred feet of any permanent storage of ignitable liquid, gases, gasoline pump, gasoline filling station, or any nonpermanent structure where fireworks are stored, sold or offered for sale.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Lee's Summit City Code to the contrary, the prohibitions of Chapter 17, Article IX, "Regulations Regarding Control of Noise and Sound" shall not be applicable to any lawful discharge of Class 1.4G fireworks authorized by this Section.

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 16 years, unless under the supervision of a parent or guardian, to possess or discharge Division 1.4G fireworks within the City limits.

General Precautions Against Fire 308.1.6.3

Airborne flame devices. Devices with an open flame that are independently buoyant and float uncontrolled (Sky Lanterns) shall be prohibited.

To ensure that the City was giving a consistent message, and the ordinance was being properly enforced, six presentations were given at shift briefing for the night shift officers at the police department. The goal was to enforce the ordinance through education. In addition to printed reference materials, contact numbers for Fire Prevention were provided to the officers so they would have immediate access to information, should they have questions about fireworks or any concerns with the tents. Informational posters were also provided at the police department.

The fireworks poster was displayed in the tents to make it easier to quickly identify the days of legal discharge and the five types of fireworks that are prohibited in the City.



Lee's Summit Fireworks Regulations

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Lee's Summit Code of Ordinance, Section 5601.2.2.

Don't forget your Fireworks Permit

Each resident must have a 2016 Fireworks Permit (one per household). Permits can be obtained at approved consumer fireworks tents; at City Hall or online at cityofLS.net.

When can you shoot Fireworks in Lee's Summit?

Saturday, July 2: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Sunday, July 3: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Monday, July 4: 10 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Prohibited Fireworks:



- Bottle Rockets
- Roman Candles
- Parachute with nighttime effects
- Missiles with fins or rudders for aerodynamic flight
- Sky Lanterns



For a complete list of prohibited fireworks, review your 2016 Fireworks Permit.

No person, firm, or corporation shall construct a retail display for, sell, or offer for sale, explosives, explosive materials, or fireworks within the corporate city limits, except as allowed for permitted blasting operations and commercial fireworks displays, and except the retail display and sale of certain Division 1.4G fireworks shall be permitted within the corporate city limits by nonprofit, religious or community service organizations from June 23 through midnight on July 4.

This notice must be posted in conspicuous place in approved vendors tent, shop or store as indicated by the City of Lee's Summit where business is conducting fireworks sales in accordance with the City of Lee's Summit ordinances.



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Firework Related Incidents

From June 23rd to July 5th, there were no fireworks related incidents in the City of Lee's Summit that required the response of the fire department. The department did respond to a fireworks debris fire in the City of Greenwood on July 4th.

Hospital Activity

Saint Luke's East, Truman Medical Center of Lakewood, and Lee's Summit Medical Center reported seeing a total of eleven firework related "walk-in" injuries in their emergency rooms from July 1 to July 5. All were treated and released.

Professional Firework Displays

From June 25th to July 7th, six professional fireworks displays were conducted at Greenwood, Legacy Park, Lakewood, Raintree Lake, Longview Lake, and Unity Village. The Fire Department provides standby at each of these events. Displays located in the City of Lee's Summit each received an inspection during set up and before the display. All of the displays were without incident.

Complaints

The Fire Department received only one phone complaint regarding fireworks.

Summary

Statistically, the City did better than last year, likely due to wet weather conditions. Certainly there are residents that believe it is too loud for too long and equate loud to being illegal, which isn't usually the case. Practically speaking, illegal fireworks being brought into our city from tents and fireworks retail stores in the neighboring communities will always be an issue. Any restriction on fireworks is difficult to enforce locally unless the same restrictions are applied regionally.