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## **City Taking Extra Precautions for July Fourth Celebration Location Shifted to Accommodate Riverfront Park Renovation**

**Beaumont, Texas** – In light of recent dry conditions, The City of Beaumont will take extra safety precautions during its annual July Fourth Celebration and fireworks display this year.

Jefferson County officials have instituted both a burn ban and a ban on aerial fireworks for the county's unincorporated areas, and possession, use, or discharge of personal fireworks within the city limits is prohibited under city ordinance at all times. As a commercial display within the city limits, the city's show is exempt from these restrictions. However, due to a higher-than-usual fire danger, the Beaumont Fire Department will have at least three fire crews standing by as an extra precaution for the city's display on Monday, July 4.

"Our Independence Day celebration and fireworks display are extremely popular, and we have worked extensively with the Fire Department to ensure that we have a safe event," said Claudie Hawkins, Director of Event Facilities. "We encourage folks to come out and enjoy an evening of great entertainment and a wonderful fireworks show."

Due to renovations in Riverfront Park, this year's event has been moved a short distance from its usual spot along the Neches River to the area between the Main Library and the Julie Rogers Theatre. Main Street between College and Forsythe will be blocked off to accommodate onlookers, vendors and entertainment.

The event includes live music beginning at 5 p.m. and a free concert by the Symphony of Southeast Texas in the Julie at 8 p.m. Spectators may bring coolers with their own food and drinks, but glass containers are prohibited. There will also be food and beverage vendors, and a beer garden. The event is free and open to the public.

**WHAT:** July Fourth Celebration

**WHEN:** Monday, July 4, 5-9:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Downtown Beaumont

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