



July 4 festivities impact parking on Simmons Island

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KENOSHA – Each year the increased traffic due to the July 4th fireworks demonstration creates significant impact on the eastern edge of the city. Simmons Island has always been an exceptionally popular destination for Fourth of July festivities, and traffic there continues to cause increased congestion.

At the direction of Kenosha Police Chief Daniel Miskinis, there will be no vehicle access or parking on Simmons Island on July 4 for the general public. The roadway will be barricaded at 50th Street and Seventh Avenue and also at Kennedy Drive and 45th Street. This is being done to increase safety and enhance the event, Miskinis said.

Barricades will be staffed and vehicle access will be restricted. Only residents of Fourth Avenue, the Coast Guard, and those with business at the Kenosha Water Utility and Kenosha Yacht Club will be allowed on the island. A limited number of handicapped parking spots will be provided along Kennedy Drive, north of 50th Street.

People are still welcome to access Simmons Island by walking to and from the park. The Festival Foods Fireworks will be presented at 9:30 p.m.