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# PRESS RELEASE

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## **FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS WILL BE ON THE FIFTH OF JULY**

Again this year, St James and Peaine Townships will fund a spectacular fireworks display celebrating our country's Independence Day. This year's display will be shot off at dusk on Sunday, July 5, 2020 rather than the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July shoot. The change in date is the result of a difficult situation for the fireworks industry as customers who typically have their show on the closest Saturday to the 4th merge with customers who traditionally have their shows on the 4th every year. Add to this, the increased logistics and travel time required to do a shoot on the Island, and it is not surprising that companies were unable to provide a show here on the Saturday, the fourth.

The display will be shot from the traditional location on the south side of the harbor and will begin at dusk on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Great Lakes Fireworks ([greatlakesfireworks.com](http://greatlakesfireworks.com)) of West Branch will be providing the display this year with a lineup and variety of shells that surpasses that of last year. Great Lakes Fireworks provides shows for many northern Michigan communities – they even did a private shoot on South Fox Island last summer.

The Beaver Island 'Big Parade' is expected to be held on Saturday afternoon, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Chamber of Commerce will soon be setting a theme for the parade. It is hoped that the 'Boat Parade' will be scheduled as a festive prelude to the fireworks on Sunday evening as residents and visitors gather in the harbor area to enjoy the pyrotechnic display.