

## A Guide to the 2010 Fourth of July

### Staking out, Parking and Street Closures

From becoming prepared for the celebration beforehand, to enjoying every moment of the Fourth, this manual will give you information on important aspects of the celebration. Understanding how to properly stake out an area to see the parade, street closures, and parking regulations are vital to having a happy Huntington Beach Fourth of July Celebration.



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#### Day before the Fourth:

Before any fireworks or the thought of waking up early for the parade crosses your mind, make sure you understand what you should do to insure a great Fourth before the celebration begins.

#### Staking out an area to see the Parade:

In order to get that great spot, up-close to the excitement, you have to follow these guidelines. Such as in past years, **staking out areas for the purpose of obtaining a viewing location for the Fourth of July Parade may not occur prior to 7 AM on Saturday, July 3.**

It is important that no materials used to reserve public areas shall block or interfere with pedestrian access or vehicular traffic or block those portions of sidewalks used for pedestrian access prior to 6 AM on July 4<sup>th</sup>. In fact, any items placed prior to that time will be removed.

Items placed on public property (including parking strips) are left at the owner's risk and do not create a guarantee that the "staked out" area will remain available to the person or persons who marked off the area.

When marking off sidewalk and roadway areas, non-defacing material must be used. Any adhesive material, including adhesive tape, is prohibited for use in reserving space for parade viewing. This includes, but is not limited to the use of tape or other adhesives on trees, poles, and signs. All materials used to designate "stake out" areas must be removed by 3 PM on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. With these rules in mind, you can be prepared and find that perfect spot for the entire family.

#### Day of Fourth of July:

When everything is set up, you have that perfect spot, and anticipation is soaring, there are a few regulations all residents and visitors must be aware of during the actual day.

### **Streets Closures:**

For all residents and visitors of Huntington Beach, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade route for 2010 will require the closure of PCH from Goldenwest to Beach starting at 5:00 AM on Sunday, July 4. The parade will officially begin at PCH and 8<sup>th</sup>, going from 8<sup>th</sup> to Main where it will proceed up Main through the downtown and residential areas, ending just past Yorktown.

The parade begins at 10:00 AM and lasts approximately two hours. Staging areas have been somewhat revised this year and will take place on PCH and portions of Walnut, Olive, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Through traffic on PCH will be detoured at Goldenwest and Beach up to Garfield. PCH will be completely open to traffic no later than 2:00 PM. Residents and guests coming into the downtown area off of Goldenwest should enter at Palm or Orange. City beach parking is only accessible at Beach and gates open at 5:00 AM. However, Pacific View will be open for access to the Hyatt and Hilton. Twin Dolphin will be closed from 5:00 AM until no later than 2:00 PM. Following the parade, there will be additional activities in the downtown area on Main between PCH and Olive. For this reason, the first two blocks of Main will remain closed until after the fireworks have concluded.

The Pier will be partially closed to the public all day and completely closed at 5:00 PM. Fireworks will be launched from the end of the Pier. The fireworks will start at 9:00 PM. PCH will be closed from Goldenwest to Beach from 7:00 PM. until traffic has dispersed, estimated to be around 11:00 PM. Huntington will be closed to through traffic between Atlanta and PCH.

Please remember to allow extra time for the congested traffic to clear. For information, contact the Community Relations Officer at (714) 536-5577.

### **Parking**

#### **Visitors:**

The City of Huntington Beach has made some changes for the beach parking for the Fourth this year. **Parking at the Main Promenade parking Structure will be \$27 (cash only) all day flat fee.**

Pay as you enter and no customer validations will be honored. Yearly and monthly pass holders will not be charged, but parking is NOT guaranteed.

In the City Beach Parking Lot, parking will cost \$25 per space that the vehicle occupies and no spaces may be purchased for chairs, tables, or any other activity.

The only entrance to the parking lot will be at Beach Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. The gates will open at 5:00 AM in the morning of the Fourth and the **public will not be allowed to line up in front of those parking lot gates until after midnight.** Until that time you must find a legal parking space. **Additionally, any vehicle, including RV's, attempting to remain in the parking lot from July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be *towed out of the parking lot at the owner's expense.***

People will not be allowed to occupy or place chairs and barbecues on the beach or in the parking lot until after 5:00 AM, which is the beach curfew, on July 4<sup>th</sup>.