

# VILLAGE OF WONDER LAKE

*news and updates from the Village*



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## Wonder Lake Patriotic Celebration Weekend is Almost Here!

**Venetian Night** kicks off the holiday weekend celebrations this year with a **lighted boat parade** around the lake on Friday night, July 5th.

Sponsored by the Wonder Lake Yacht Club, this year's theme is "Patriotic" and we can't wait to see everyone's creative endeavors! The boat parade launches from Yacht Club Island (with the flag pole) in White Oaks Bay at dusk, around 8:45 p.m. For more information, visit <https://wlyachtclub.org/>



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## **SATURDAY JULY 6TH (PARADE DAY) SCHEDULE**

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- **Noon - 3 p.m. - Kids Zone**
- **Noon to Dark - Food Booths**
- **1:30 - Parade**
- **2:30 - East Side Fire Department Open House**
- **4:30 - Wonder Lake Ski Show Team**
- **6:30 - Live music from Earthmother Band**
- **Dark - FIREWORKS!**



Bring the family to the **Kids Zone** (Hancock Dr, near the Chamber of Commerce office) at noon for games and great food at the **Food Booths!** Churros & Chocolate, Pixie Dawgs, Tropical Chill, and 3 Toasty Cheese Trucks - Sandwiches, BBQ, & Ice Cream - will be on hand to tame your hunger.

The **Parade** will kick off at 1:30 at Christ the King Church, heading south on E. Wonder Lake Rd, turning right onto Hancock, and ending at E. Lake Shore Dr. Bring your lawn chairs, grab some mouth-watering food from the food trucks, and meet your neighbors / make new friends while cheering all the wonderful bands and floats! (Be sure to wave to our Village officials, trustees, and employees who will be on the Village's float this year.)

Don't forget to visit the **East Side Fire Department Open House** starting at 2:30.

You can't miss the 4:30 performance of the award-winning **Wonder Lake Ski Show Team!** They'll be performing a fantastic show - be amazed by their pyramids, jumps, and other incredible moves.

New this year - **Earthmother Band** playing from the deck at Dockside Restaurant at 6:30. This blues/funk/rock band will have us dancing in the streets until dark!

**Fireworks on the Lake** - This year's barge-launched show will be better than ever. Located near the center of the lake, there's great viewing from Wonder Center Beach, many locations around town, and fantastic views from the water! (*Keep reading for information about the barge, viewing fireworks from the water, and a message from Police Chief Crilly about fireworks in the Village.*)



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**SUNDAY JULY 7TH  
FREE PONTOON  
BOAT RIDES, 2 - 4 P.M.**

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To cap off a wonderful weekend of celebration, there will be free Pontoon Boat Rides on the Lake between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday July 7th. Board the boats at Wonder Lake Marina (4019 E. Lake Shore Dr); this event is sponsored by the Wonder Lake Yacht Club.

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**FIREWORKS SHOW  
WATER SAFETY  
MESSAGE (FROM THE  
4TH OF JULY PLANNING  
COMMITTEE)**

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Wonder Lake Fireworks is a barge-launched fireworks show, located near the lake's center between West Bay and Wonder Center Association Beach.

The barge grouping will be launched in the White Oaks Bay area. On Saturday, July 6th it will be anchored close to shore in the West Bay. Once the ski show has finished, the barge will be moved into position for the fireworks show.

For everyone's enjoyment and safety, **use No Wake speeds and caution if you are boating near the barge.** Once show time is near, stay outside the marked perimeter.

The **fallout zone around the barge is 560 feet** on each side of the barge. This perimeter will be marked, and patrolled by boats including the Wonder Lake Police Marine Patrol and Wonder Lake Fire Department. For everyone's safety **DO NOT ENCROACH this perimeter.** Violators could be ticketed; under severe circumstances the show could be stopped.

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## MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT ANTHONY TOPF

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Did you know...  
even though Wonder Lake is one of the smaller towns in McHenry County, it has one of the largest 4th of July Parades?

We congratulate everyone at the Wonder Lake Chamber of Commerce, Wonder Lake Ski Show Team, Wonder Lake Yacht Club, Master Property Owners Association, and every volunteer for their hard work in bringing us this celebration honoring our nation's Declaration of Independence. The Village of Wonder Lake wishes everyone a safe, happy, and most of all - FUN weekend!

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Fireworks accounted for almost 13,000 injuries and at least 8 deaths in the United States in 2017.

We all love watching fireworks - but please enjoy watching the ones launched on the Lake, NOT in your yard. **Village Ordinances prohibit all fireworks within the Village** unless a special permit has been issued. Fireworks can disturb others, and be very difficult for pets, children, and some adults to handle.

On behalf of the Wonder Lake Police Department, we want everyone to have a very safe weekend.

Chief Crilly

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## MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF JOHN CRILLY

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## QUICK NOTES:

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Registration for the fall season of **Wonder Lake Girls Softball** runs through August 7th; visit their website for more information:

<https://wlgirlssoftball.wixsite.com/wlgs>

Registration for the fall season of **Wonder Lake Youth Soccer** is open through July 26th (children born in 2008 - 2015); for more information email [wonderlakeyouthsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:wonderlakeyouthsoccer@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook.

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