



Council Committee Accepting July 4th Event Applications Holiday Events Reviewed & Selected for One-Time Special Event Funding

Steamboat Springs, Colorado-February 3, 2026-The City of Steamboat Springs is now accepting applications for an additional Fourth of July evening event, as traditional fireworks displays are no longer feasible due to environmental conditions and increased wildfire risk.

Following a successful process in 2025—when City Council selected a drone show to receive holiday funding—Council is once again seeking a creative, engaging evening event for July 4, 2026. The goal is to provide a meaningful finale to the day's celebrations and a shared community experience to close out the holiday.

Event producers interested in hosting the Fourth of July evening event [must complete an expedited questionnaire](#) and submit it online by March 1 by [email to Teresa Long](#).

Submitted questionnaires will be reviewed by city staff, followed by interviews with applicants. City Council will then select finalists. Finalists will be required to complete and submit a comprehensive special event permit application to be eligible for funding.

All proposals will be evaluated through the city's standard special event review process to ensure they meet all applicable criteria and requirements.

In 2026, the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday, with several traditional community events already scheduled, including the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, Nordic Combine Roller Ski Race, Fourth of July Parade, Jumpin' & Jammin' Ski Jump Competition, and the Steamboat Springs ProRodeo Series.

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