

Landings Neighborhood Watch -- For Your Information

A couple of pieces of information to pass on to Landings residents. **First**, Barry Lee and I attended the yearly Coeur d'Alene Police Department 4th of July Fireworks Safety meeting last night. We were asked to pass along both a Fireworks Safety Flyer and a City Codes Information Notice (both are shown below) listing that outlines prohibited areas and certain other codes. One thing that became clear to me after listening to the Chief and the Fire Department Inspector is that, if you go to the outdoor displays at the City Park near the Lake, it is wise to clear out of there before or around 10:00 PM. Sounds like that if there is going to be any rowdiness (i.e., indiscriminant firing of rockets, etc.) it happens at about that time. The Inspector was actually hit in the face with a bottle rocket in a previous year. As he stated "someone is going to lose an eye...not if, but when"



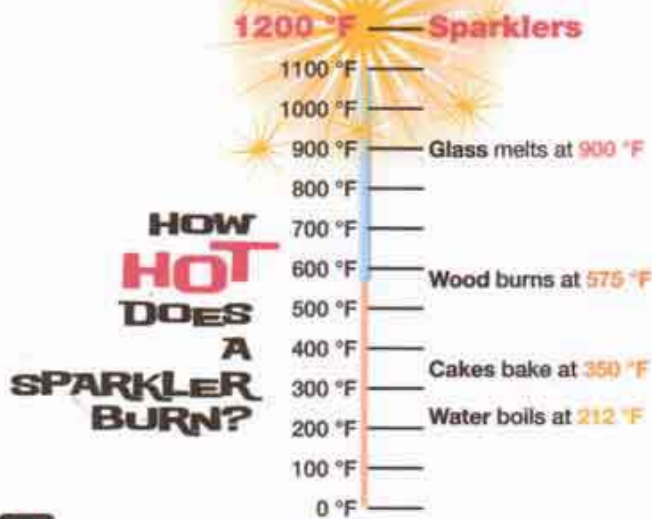
Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but did you know that more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than on any other day of the year in the United States? Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

- » Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use consumer fireworks.
- » The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- » After the firework display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

include sparklers and firecrackers. The tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of more than **1,200 degrees Fahrenheit**, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- 1 Each July Fourth, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- 1 The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5–14.
- 1 More than 80% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.

Coeur d'Alene Police Department & your Neighborhood Watch



Coeur d'Alene City Codes regarding FIREWORKS



There are no fireworks of any kind allowed in the City Park or Tubbs Hill. This includes safe and sane, as an example, sparklers. They are NOT allowed on City property. There will be strict enforcement of all laws and the City fireworks ordinance. Citizens can expect a ticket to be issued to them if they are found in possession of illegal fireworks.

4.25.070: FIREWORKS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Except when permitted as a part of a public display authorized by this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession or to use fireworks of any kind on any city owned, leased or maintained beach, natural area, park, playground or play field, dock, parking lot or other property. (Ord. 3382 §17, 2010)

8.12.020: FIREWORKS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION; PERMIT

It is unlawful for any person in the city to import, export, offer for sale, sell, possess, keep or store or permit the keeping or storing of any fireworks, other than non-aerial common fireworks, for any use or purpose, except that a person holding a special fireworks permit issued by the fire department may use special fireworks for a safely supervised and conducted public display of fireworks. (Ord. 3286 §1, 2007: Ord. 2852 §2, 1998: prior code §7-6-1)

8.12.090: STORAGE:

Storage of any class of fireworks prior to display or sale and unsold stocks of fireworks remaining after the lawful period of sale as provided by permit shall be only in such places of storage as the fire chief issuing the permit shall approve. Unsold stocks of fireworks remaining after the authorized retail sales period shall be removed from the city on or before July 26. (Ord. 2852 §8, 1998: Ord. 1725 §1, 1982: prior code §7-6-5)

1.28.010: DESIGNATED:

Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of the ordinances of the city is guilty of a misdemeanor unless an infraction penalty is either specifically provided for such violation or necessitated by operation of law. Except in cases where a different punishment is prescribed by any ordinance of the city, any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the ordinances of the city shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. For infraction violations of any ordinance of the city, unless another infraction penalty is specifically provided, the penalty shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

The Coeur d'Alene Police Department and your Neighborhood Watch are working together to ensure a safe 4th July Holiday to be enjoyed by all. Please be mindful to NOT disturb the peace of your neighbor, and do your part to prevent fires due to illegal fireworks.



Secondly we wanted to mention that there has been fresh graffiti added to fences at the southernmost border of the Landings. We believe the vandalism was done sometime between Thursday 6/21/12 and Monday 6/25/12. Sherry let me know that they are making arrangements to remove all the affected panels within the next week or so. A Crime Report has been filed with the CDAPD for the record.





