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Fourth of July celebration leaves Selmac a mess

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The Fourth of July represents a very special day for Americans - the birthday of this great nation. For many of us, it is a time to celebrate; but for some, ironically, paying tribute to the country they hold so dear entails tarnishing its magnificent splendor.

Residents of the Illinois Valley converged upon Lake Selmac on the Fourth of July as they have for years to celebrate 1776, and on the morning of July 5, like clockwork, Josephine County Park employees were present with only a handful of volunteers to clean up the mess left behind by patriotic party-goers.

“It looks like a bomb went off,” Josephine County Parks Director Sarah Wright remarked when asked about the scene. “There are thousands and thousands and thousands of pieces of little trash, on top of the boxes of fireworks. People just leave their stuff scattered everywhere. It’s everywhere around the entire lake.”

Five volunteers and a handful of park staff spent the morning equipped with gloves and garbage bags filling a dump truck with trash which was then driven to the Kerby Landfill.

“I was raised with many people of the community where you bring your water, you hose down your fireworks and you bring them back with you. At the very least you go back the next day and clean up,” Wright said. “You do not just think it’s someone else’s responsibility.”

Additionally, aside from leaving the park in worse condition than when they entered, attendees of this event are disregarding the law and the safety of those who live in the surrounding area.

“I’m not anti-fireworks,” said Fire Chief Dennis Hoke. “There should be a legal display out there, and shooting them off into the lake is a great place, but they shoot everywhere but the lake ...This year we had a fire up in a tree. Now if that fire would have extended and it goes off and it starts burning some of those campsites and it starts burning into homes, and all for a fireworks display? It seems pretty irresponsible to me.”

According to Hoke, state law requires that if people are going to have a fireworks event like that, they need to obtain a permit from the state fire marshal’s office.

“We would sign off on it to make sure it’s safe and they refuse to do that,” added Hoke. “We’re not in the enforcement business but they need to be issued a citation from the state cuz the only thing that’s gonna get their attention is some punitive legal action.”

However, Wright and her staff intend to hold a meeting soon which would hopefully include the fire department, the I.V. chamber and any other major players that might be interested in discussing what happens at Lake Selmac on the Fourth of July.

“I don’t know what the answer is,” Wright said. “But it’s not OK to have a full 360-degree free-for-all...We are worried for public safety whether that be a vehicle vs. pedestrian or a fire that gets out of control, but the question is what do we do about it? What is the community willing to jump on board with? How do we fix it? So I think that meeting will be the starting point of what resources can we get from major agencies to say what are the options.”

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Does Neighborhood Watch work?

Recently I heard an individual hollering on my property. I went outside and found a 30ish male at my gate. When I questioned him on what he needed, he told me his car was broke down on private property. I asked him why he was there and why is he trespassing on private property? He said he was “sightseeing.” His story did not make any sense as he was at the end of a cul de sac. He looked very unkept and it as clear he had some ulterior motive. I called for help on our Neighborhood Watch radio system. Four of our neighbors came in less than 4 minutes. He took us to his car which was full of “stuff.” We helped him get it started. His final words as he was leaving “I am never coming back here again.” Perfect ending and we believe we potentially stopped a crime.

Neighborhood Watch works. We need to look out for each other as we all are aware of the law enforcement challenges our community faces. Interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch or help an existing Neighborhood Watch? Please join us for the general meeting of the Illinois Valley Community Watch July 26, 6:30 p.m. at Wild River Pizza. We will have information and personal assistance available to help you start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood. If we don’t look out for each other...who will?

Dennis Hoke
I.V. Community Watch Board Member

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