GREENFIELD

Fireworks moved to Monday due to weather forecast

Rec Department, city officials still collecting money for event

By MARY BYRNE Staff Writer

GREENFIELD — The city's Recreation Department will continue to raise money for its annual Independence Day fireworks display, which has officially been postponed to Monday evening due to forecasted rain on Friday.

The department is still a few thousand dollars short of its \$18,000 goal, Recreation Director Christy Moore said on Thursday morning.

"It's safe to say we haven't reached the \$18,000 yet," she said. "With the heat, we weren't out there for two days for collecting."

Over the last week, staff at City Hall and in the Recreation Department have been at the intersection of Main Street and Bank Row collecting donations to support the Independence Day fireworks.

Fireworks show reset for Monday

FROM A1

The PayPal link is still active (bit.ly/3ycrQh1), and people can continue to drop off donations at the Recreation Department or City Hall, or mail them to Greenfield Recreation Fireworks Fund, 20 Sanderson St., Greenfield, MA 01301. Commissioners will also be at Beacon Field on Monday collecting donations.

"A lot of people will send in (donations) after, when they've enjoyed the show," Moore said, noting it's a rolling account.

Moore said she was grateful to SWM, a manufacturing plant on Silvio O. Conte Drive, for its recent \$2,000 sponsorship — the most any business has given at one time.

"That was very generous," she said.

Moore said she's looking forward to having the community together again at Beacon Field after a "long hiatus" of events. The 2020 fireworks event was canceled amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The fireworks are definitely one of my favorite events that we produce for the community," she said. "There's nothing like seeing the fireworks from Poet's Seat Tower — it's definitely a memorable experience."

The event is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on Monday, with fireworks set to launch from Poet's Seat Tower starting at 9:35 p.m.

Schedule of events

- 4 p.m. Mixed music.
- 5:15 p.m. Performance by Pizazz Dance Studio.
- 6 p.m. Performance by Barely Standing.
- ■7:10 p.m. Presentation of the Fortin Family Award, which is given to families who volunteer for the Recreation Department.
- ■7:15 p.m. Performance by She Said.
- ■8:30 p.m. Performance by the Greenfield Military Band.
- 9:30 p.m. Eliza Toponce sings the national anthem.
 - 9:35 p.m. Fireworks.



STAFF PHOTO/PAUL FRANZ

Greenfield resident Barb Zaccheo collects donations for the city's fireworks from a passing motorist on Bank Row in Greenfield.