

GREENFIELD

# Recreation Department brainstorms new event for fireworks fundraiser

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GREENFIELD — In an effort to raise money for one of the city’s most anticipated events each year, the Recreation Department is inviting the community to take part in its inaugural Cornhole Tournament at Court Square.

The event, which will take place on Wednesday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m., will serve as a fundraiser for the 2022 Independence Day fireworks at Beacon Field, said Recreation Director Christy Moore.

“It’ll be a big family event downtown,” she said. “All levels are welcome, whether you’re a beginner or an experienced cornhole player. ... We’re really looking forward to it.”

In addition to the double-elimination tournament, the event will feature a live disc jockey, food trucks, a raffle and children’s activities. Organizers also plan to include local breweries as vendors.

To register, participants can enter at the cost of \$50 per team at [friendsofgreenfieldrecreation.org/x/4/](http://friendsofgreenfieldrecreation.org/x/4/).

The tournament has a cap of 50 teams, according to Moore. As of Monday, about 12 teams had registered.

Moore said the idea for the new event came from Recreation Commissioner Danica Hochstetler who had participated in a cornhole tournament before.

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**CHRISTY MOORE**  
Greenfield recreation director

“Every year we have to raise money for the fire-



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**Hundreds gather at Beacon Field in Greenfield to watch fireworks launch from Poet’s Seat Tower in 2018.**

works,” Moore explained. “I asked (the Recreation Commission) to help come up with some creative ways to do that.”

Moore said the Recreation Department has raised \$8,550 toward the annual fireworks celebration, with the ultimate need to raise \$18,000.

“As far as this event goes, I’m hoping to come away with several thousand dollars,” she said of the Cornhole Tournament. “All the proceeds from this event will go toward fireworks.”

The rain date for the tournament is Thursday, June 2.

Donations for Independence Day fireworks, scheduled to take place on Friday, July 1, at 4 p.m., can be made online at [greenfieldrecreation.com/fireworks.html](http://greenfieldrecreation.com/fireworks.html).

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