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Greetings!



We're getting excited, are you?

Fireworks, days off, vacation, hot dogs, swimming, extra weird crime, what's summer without shenanigans? We're still days away from the 4th, but why wait?

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The only July 4th events list you'll need:



Downtown Asheville Independence Day Celebration 2018: Pack Square Park 2 p.m., on July 4 . Fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m. [Details](#)

Tourists Baseball Game July 4: Watch fireworks + game. [Get tickets](#) in advance, since this game will sell out ahead of time.

South Asheville Fireworks: At Lake Julian, fireworks show starts at dark on the July 4, but come early. No pets please due to crowds.

Bryson City: [Freedom Fest](#) is an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration and street festival (10 a.m.-10 p.m.) with a 5K, crafts, food, contests, live music, watermelon eating race and the best fireworks show in the Smokies (10 p.m.).

[Lake Junaluska](#): Parade at 11 a.m., BBQ from noon to 2 p.m., Lake Junaluska Singers concert at 7:30 p.m. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Sylva: Live music and and dancing at 6:30 p.m., [fireworks at dark](#) in the picturesque "all-American" small town nestled in the mountains.

Lake Glenville: Watch fireworks from land or the lake on Sunday, July 1, located near Cashiers.

Lake Lure: On July 3, watch fireworks at dusk over the lake from Morse Park (2948 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure). Watch from the beach, opening at 8 p.m.

Hendersonville: July 4 fireworks at dark, with [free live outdoor music](#), 7-9 p.m. downtown, at 201 South Main (Visitors Center).

Waynesville: The [Stars and Stripes parade](#), 11 a.m., along Main Street with music and sidewalk sales.

Maggie Valley: Backyard Fourth, gates open 6 p.m. and fireworks at dark. Free admission. Alcohol free. Festival Grounds, 3374 Soco Road Maggie Valley.

Cashiers: [Fireworks On the Green](#) with festival, food, music and dancing 6:30-10 p.m. Ends with a big fireworks show.

Black Mountain: Family fun and fireworks beginning 7 p.m. on July 4.

Fireworks Hike: View Black Mountain fireworks from Sunset Mountain, presented by the Swannanoa Valley Museum. Meet at 6 p.m. Moderate 45-minute hike to the mountaintop. \$35 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. To register, call 828-669-9566.

Brevard: July 4 ~ [5K/10K Firecracker Run](#) 8 a.m. Fine Arts & Craft Festival 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fireworks 9:30 p.m. at Brevard College.

Brevard Music Center Festival: Patriotic Pops Concert on July 4 at 2 p.m. with favorite marches, Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture with live cannons.

Weaverville: ["Fire on the Lake"](#) at Lake Louise Park with food, vendors and live music 7-10 p.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m.

Cherokee: [Pow Wow](#) on June 30-July 1 with authentic Indian dancing, drumming and tribal regalia. Fireworks June 30 at 10 p.m.

Asheville: [Country Music at the Double Crown](#)
Hosting New Orleans country singer Esther Rose, Brooklyn country rock outfit Megg Farrell & Friends and L.A. based singer Sabra Guzmán. PBRs are \$1.50 and door money goes to [CIMA](#).

Banner Elk and Beech Mountain: [Mile High Fourth](#)
Six-day extravaganza June 29 - July 4. It's the 47th annual, so they must be doin' something right. Parade, a performance of the Wiz, a pig roasting and more!

Morganton: [Red, White, and Bluegrass Festival](#)
July 4. Family festival + doughnut-eating contest, music portion of this festival starts July 5 with three days of bluegrass, featuring 20+ performances.

Canton: [July 4 + 1](#) - An evening of fun free events, great live music, entertainment for all ages, delicious food, free watermelon and a spectacular display of fireworks beginning at dusk.

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Warning: we're about to ruin hotdogs...

Hot dogs are a summer staple and they're good. There's a chance you'll have yourself one or six of these delicious meat sandwiches on the Fourth of July. Here's a video that will ruin them for

you. Sorry, not sorry.



The dangers of researching hotdogs

While researching this edition, a strange phenomenon occurred. We thought it would be fun to celebrate the nation's obsession with tube meat. In the process, an entire weird world of #hotdoglife emerged. Check us out on Instagram to see the whole weird story.



Obscure Holiday Celebration: Hug Holiday

Need a little celebration pre-Fourth? Lucky for you, Hug Holiday takes place June 29 and we'll give you one guess as to what you should be doing that day (though not to be confused with National Hugging Day, which is celebrated in January and promotes virtually the same thing). So, hug your roommate, hug your mom, hug your boss, hug your cat, hug yourself. We all deserve it.

Learn more about [Hug Holiday](#) and get some pointers, if you actually need that.





Don't be that guy (Firework Safety 101)

"It's a patriotic holiday, but the Fourth of July has a dark side." That is an actual sentence posted on Asheville.com. That dark side? FIRE. There are lots of accidental fires and fire related injuries on the Fourth of July. So here are a few pointers:

1. Even though they are the O'Doul's of fireworks, the Raisin Bran of July 4th, 19% of firework-related injuries come from sparklers. Remember, the ends are on fire.
2. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. If mixed, beer will cause the firework to go out.
3. Only light fireworks outdoors because you don't want everything you own and love to go up in a burning flame.
4. Do not set fireworks off of people's heads. I've done this and I can tell you, it's not as dazzling as you'd think. Let my mistakes be your lessons.
5. Do not let children set off fireworks. If this needs explanation, maybe you should stick to the hot dogs and pig roasting.

[Better Safety tips here](#)

Criminal Minded: Weirdest crime story of the week

The Goat Thief (for the non-hot dog and roasted pig eaters out there)

While on his way to speak at Asheville Vegan Fest, nationally known animal rights activist Wayne Hsiung was arrested for stealing a baby goat from a farm in Brevard. Now, Hsiung is a lawyer, so we assume he knew that breaking and entering and larceny amount to felony charges (he is also being charged with a trespassing misdemeanor), but can we blame him? He claims the baby goat was sick with pneumonia.



He was trying to rescue a sick baby goat, he said. NC...

Goats have the same feelings as a dog, and are just as deserving of good care, nationally known California-based animal activist Wayne Hsiung said. So that's why he rescued a sick baby goat from a meat farm in Pisgah Forest, he said in a Facebook ...

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Find out more about Hsiung's organization, [Direct Action Everywhere](#)



Escape the heat with cool drinks and a shot at bragging rights...

[Conundrum](#), part speakeasy, part theater, part escape room, this puzzlingly fun little gem in downtown Asheville will keep you out of the heat and entertained for hours (depending on your skills and drinking capacity).

[Make your escape](#)

Feel-good story of the week:

When her Dad needed a kidney, Olivia volunteered to be tested and ended up being a perfect match. Read about the unique bond the two now share:



A daughter's love

The bond between fathers and their daughters is a uniquely strong one. But what Ted Vargo and his daughter, Olivia, just went through takes things to another level. On June 13, just a few days before Ted's birthday and Father's Day, with Ted's...

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