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Fourth of July celebration details, fireworks, and road closure information

Kerrville, Texas (June 27, 2022) – The details for Kerrville’s Independence Day Celebration are here. Please read below for details regarding the event, parking and access, fireworks, and traffic control / road closures.

Event Details

“Robert Earl Keen’s Fourth on the River” will take place on Monday, July 4 in Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Dr., with festivities going on throughout the day. There will be a free concert, vendors, and a large fireworks display. The vendors will open at 2 p.m. and the concert will begin at 4:15 p.m. with headliner Robert Earl Keen playing around 8 p.m.

The 2022 band lineup is as follows:

- 4:15 p.m. – Del Castillo
- 5:30 p.m. – Kylie Frey
- 7:00 p.m. – Flatland Calvary
- 8:00 p.m. – Robert Earl Keen



Fireworks

The largest fireworks display in the Hill Country will directly follow the concert at approximately 9:30 p.m., generously sponsored by Mini Mart! The fireworks will be launched in Louise Hays Park and can be viewed from the park in addition to the downtown surrounding area. Patriotic music will be played during the fireworks through the radio station, tune into 94.3 The Rev-FM.



Fireworks Safety Measures

The Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department and Kerrville Fire Department work together each year to monitor the drought conditions for the fireworks display and are planning accordingly to ensure the safety of our citizens, businesses, and visitors. Safety precautions are in place especially during these extremely dry summer months. The maximum firework shell size has been reduced from 5 inches to 4 inches this year to ensure the fallout zone is within a reasonable and safe area. The optimal viewing area in the park will be on the west side (interactive fountain side) as the bridge may obscure the lower shell sizes.

A licensed professional vendor that is approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office and verified by the City of Kerrville Fire Marshal conducts the fireworks events. They are responsible for adhering to the City of Kerrville pyrotechnic ordinance, Texas Occupational Codes, National Fire Protection Association codes, ATF codes, and DOT codes.

At the "Fourth on the River" event, the Kerrville Fire Department will have firefighters and a staffed brush truck onsite during the fireworks display. The city is also coordinating with Kerr

County Volunteer Fire Departments to assist in fire protection with an additional staffed brush truck. The Fire Marshal will ensure proper storage of the fireworks, site location, public distancing, fire extinguishers, inspections, weather, and give the final authorization for a safe and fun fireworks display. Wind speeds can impact the decision of the fireworks display and will be included in the Fire Marshal's inspection on the day of the event.

Event Parking and Pedestrian Access

For safety, Louise Hays Park will be closed to vehicular traffic all day on July 4, with the exception of legally marked handicap vehicles (plates / tags), while spots last. Authorized access only to the park. Drive-through requests for pickup and / or drop off are not authorized access.

Free covered parking is available in the downtown parking garage on Clay Street, and some spots will be available in the grassy area in front of Lehmann-Monroe Park at the intersection of La Casa Drive East and Park Lane East, first-come, first served.

Pedestrians can access the park via the main Louise Hays Park entrance, Lehmann-Monroe entrance, the sidewalk connection entrance near Park Lane Apartments. The River Trail, the ramp and bridge located behind the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library will be open and accessible to the public before 6 p.m.



Kerrville River Trail / Tranquility Island / Library Ramp

Tranquility Island, the portion of the Kerrville River Trail from Francisco Lemos Street through Tranquility Island, and the library ramp will be closed beginning at 6 p.m. on July 4 for safety protocols associated with the fireworks show. The public may enjoy the use of the island until this time. Park users must vacate this area by 6 p.m. and will not be allowed access for any reason during the closure. Use of this portion of the River Trail will resume again on Tuesday as the trail is open from dawn to dusk each day.

Rules and Reminders

Please remember that fireworks are not allowed within the city limits of Kerrville. Public fireworks displays are permissible provided that all state and local laws are met and a permit is issued. Glass, outside alcoholic beverages, pop-up canopies, and dogs/pets are prohibited in the concert area. Smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) is prohibited in all city parks. Motorized vehicles including golf carts and skateboards are also prohibited on the Kerrville River Trail. Please adhere to rules and comply with event staff. Pursuant to City ordinance Sec. 74-2, the City shall have and shall exercise the power to control all activities and hours of access by the public into all city parks and recreation areas in order to protect and maintain the public health, safety and welfare.

Traffic Control

Throughout the day, one lane on the Sidney Baker/Highway 16 Bridge will be closed for emergency personnel. Thompson Drive/Spur 98 and Water Street near city hall and the parking garage will be closed from 5-10 p.m. on July 4 to allow for safe passage of pedestrian traffic to

and from the park/event area. The public is advised to expect delays while attempting to exit the Sidney Baker South mall parking lot and the H-E-B/Office Max areas immediately following the conclusion of the fireworks display.

Traffic officers, detour signs and traffic cones will be stationed at several intersections, side streets and parking lot entrances to assist motorists with exiting the area as efficiently as possible. Please be mindful of all officers, emergency vehicles, safety signs and barricades in parks, trails and roadways. It is unlawful to ignore and/or go around them.

All eastbound traffic on Thompson Drive will be required to turn south (right) onto Cully Drive. All northbound traffic on Cully Drive will be required to turn west (left) onto Thompson Drive. All southbound traffic crossing the bridge on Sidney Baker Street will be required to continue south on Sidney Baker Street North and southbound traffic on Sidney Baker Street will NOT be allowed to turn east onto Park Lane in order to better facilitate the large numbers of vehicles exiting the park/event area. All westbound traffic on Park Lane will be required to turn either north (right) or south (left) onto Sidney Baker Street. All eastbound traffic on Water Street will be required to turn left on Clay Street, and all westbound traffic will be required to turn right on Earl Garrett Street.

Additionally, in order to efficiently facilitate exiting traffic following the fireworks display, no left turns will be allowed from area parking lots. That means all traffic exiting the mall parking lot (all exits) will be required to turn south (right) onto Sidney Baker Street. All east bound traffic on Hill Country Drive and Lehman Drive will be required to turn south (right) onto Sidney Baker Street. All traffic exiting the Office Max/H-E-B parking lot (all exits), to include City South Street,

will be required to turn north (right) onto Sidney Baker Street. All westbound traffic on La Casa Street., including the Valero parking lot, will be required to turn north (right) onto Sidney Baker Street.

The traffic congestion in this area usually lasts less than one hour. Please see the attached detour map and plan accordingly for heavy traffic and delays during this time.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300, recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville TX – City Hall or Instagram at cityofkerrville.

KERRVILLE'S 4TH ON THE RIVER PRESENTS

A portrait of Robert Earl Keen, a man with a grey beard and a grey baseball cap, wearing a denim jacket with patches.

ROBERT EARL KEEN
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River
MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 2022
LOUISE HAYS PARK
GATE OPENS AT 2PM; MUSIC AT 4PM
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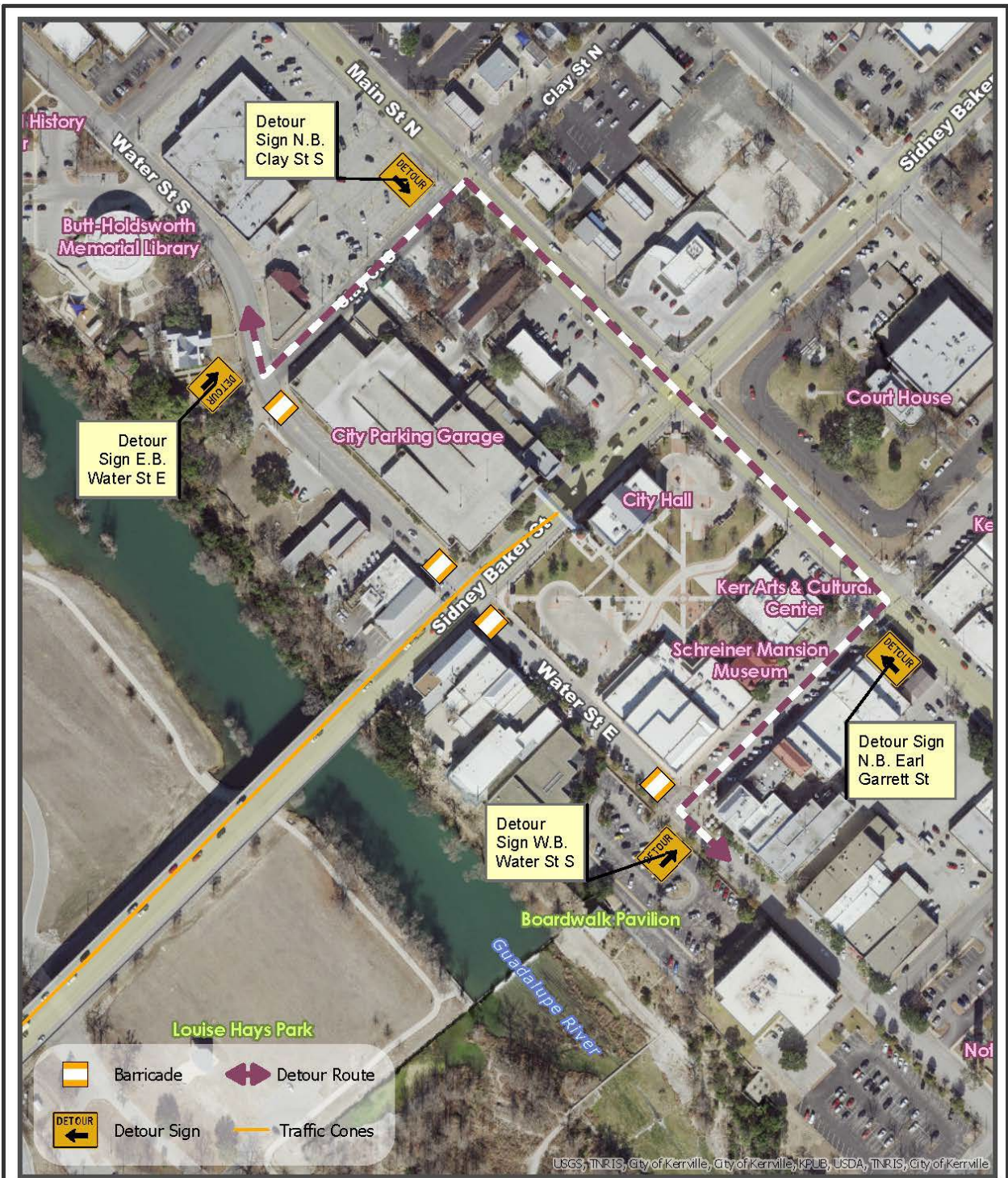
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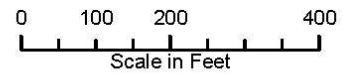
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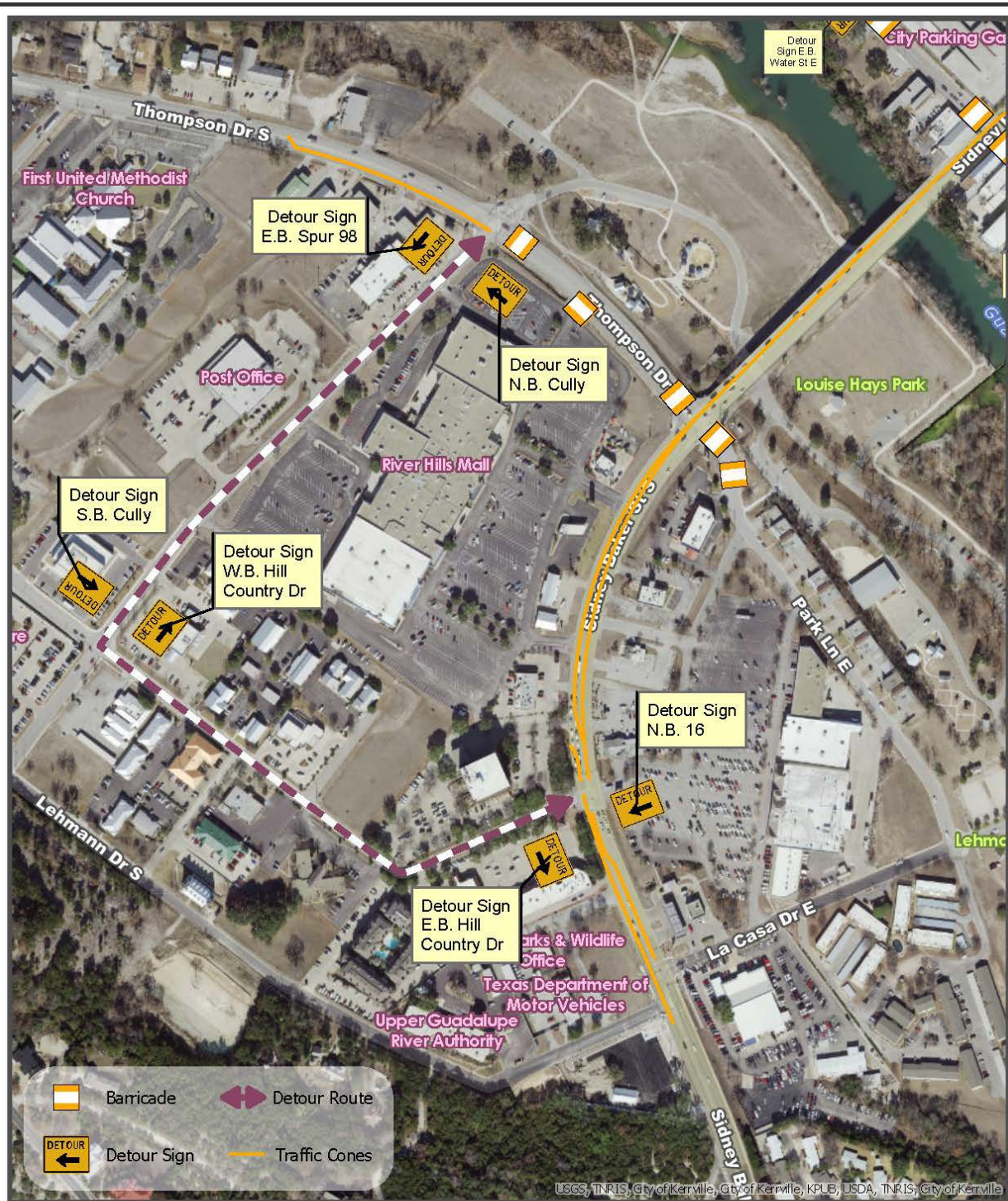


2022 4th of July Traffic Control

Special Event Plan - North

Date: 07/04/2022 Time: 06:00 PM to 10:00 PM





2022 4th of July Traffic Control

Special Event Plan - South

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