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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

**Fireworks Celebration – Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Town of Wallingford's Fireworks Celebration will take place near the grounds of Sheehan High School, 142 Hope Hill Road on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The display is scheduled to start at approximately 9:20 pm. There is no rain date for the event.

Public parking will be available at Moran Middle School, Sheehan High School, Highland Elementary School, and in the parking lot of Our Lady of Fatima Church. Parking in fire lanes, on sidewalks, or on the grass at these locations is prohibited.

Pursuant to Chapter 216 of the Wallingford Town Code, parking restrictions will be in effect. These restrictions will be clearly posted in advance on the effected roadways, to include Hope Hill Road as well as some side streets. Vehicles parked in violation will be issued a parking ticket by police and be subject to tow. Thru-traffic on Hope Hill Road will be prohibited when all available parking lots are full, or at approximately 8:45 pm, whichever comes first.

The fireworks will be visible from the grounds of any of the schools where public parking is available. Spectators should plan to arrive early; well in advance of dusk is strongly recommended.

Given the size of the crowd and the close proximity of spectators, the use of any type of fireworks, including the use of sparklers, is prohibited on any Town property. Please note that alcoholic beverages are also prohibited. In addition, the police department routinely receives complaints about the use of silly string and snappers by children in the crowd. Accordingly, we are requesting that parents supervise their children's activities so that the fireworks display remains an enjoyable family event.



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As in previous years, at the conclusion of the event there will be two northbound lanes of traffic on Hope Hill Road from the northern-most driveways of Sheehan High School and Moran Middle School to Rt. 68. There will be two southbound lanes on Hope Hill Road from the southern-most driveways of Sheehan High School and Moran Middle School to the intersection of Parker Farms Road. Officers will be on site directing traffic throughout the event.