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## **Traffic plan announced for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display**

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The Independence Day fireworks display will be held once again at Walla Walla Community College, in the field between the Dietrich Dome and Tausick Way. Last year's display brought thousands of spectators to the site, causing traffic to back up for over one hour at the conclusion of the show.

No spectators will be allowed in the fallout zone—west of the Dietrich Dome to Tausick Way, Campus Loop Road south to the WWCC baseball parking lot.

WWPD will have a minimum of 9 officers directing traffic before and after the event. Traffic flow in some areas around WWCC will be restricted prior to and following the fireworks:

8:00 a.m., parking will not be allowed on Tausick Way, between Campus Loop and Reservoir Road.

Noon, Tausick Way will be closed to “non-local” northbound traffic at Garrison Street.

6:00 p.m., Tausick Way will be closed to all traffic, between Reservoir Road and Campus Loop. There will be no vehicle traffic allowed into the WWCC baseball field lot or main parking lot.

All vehicles leaving WWCC Campus Loop Road onto Tausick Way will be restricted to northbound only to Highway 12. Motorists will not be able to use Isaacs or Melrose until traffic clears. All vehicles entering Tausick Way from the City Sports Complex, Eastgate Adventist Church, and Reservoir Road will be restricted to southbound only until traffic clears following the event.

Motorists who choose to park in the WWCC main parking lot should expect delays up to 1 hour after the show ends. Motorists exiting from the City Sports Complex should expect delays up to 40 minutes.

For the safety of pedestrians, there will be well lit crossings set up on Tausick Way at Campus Loop Road and on Isaacs, east of Tausick Way. For those who parked west of WWCC and walked in, they should use the crossing on Tausick Way. For those who walked in from the north, use the Isaacs crossing.

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