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**City of Colonial Heights Postpones
4th of July Fireworks Event to Saturday, July 7**

The City of Colonial Heights announced today that, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond its control, it must postpone the Annual 4th of July Fireworks display scheduled for tomorrow evening and is moving the event to Saturday, July 7.

This postponement is necessary due to the failure of the fireworks company to be able to perform under the contract it has with the City. Because the City just recently learned of the company's inability to perform, it is impossible to make alternate arrangements at this late date to still have the show on July 4th.

The City had signed a contract with Pyro Engineering dba/Bay Fireworks of Farmingdale, New York this past January - even providing half of the \$10,000 fee for the fireworks display at that time in order to secure the show.

Unfortunately, the company failed to comply with all legal and statutory requirements in a timely manner so that they could honor their commitment to the City and proceed with the show as planned. While the City is committed to supporting this traditional annual event in Colonial Heights, it cannot compromise on safety or compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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“This was obviously shocking news for a variety of reasons” said City Manager Tom Mattis. “This is the same company we have worked with for the past two years with no problems. Unfortunately, we were notified of the problem at such a late date, it did not give us enough time to come up with alternatives that would allow the show to go on as originally scheduled.”

The re-scheduled fireworks event will be conducted in the same format as in the past – it will just be moved from Wednesday night to Saturday night. The show will be located in the vicinity of Charles Dimmock Parkway in Colonial Heights. Fireworks will start at approximately 9:15PM. Viewing for the fireworks will be off Interstate 95, Exit 53 or 54 in the Southgate Square/Wal-Mart Area.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs; and find a safe and comfortable location in that area to enjoy the show (Rain Date: Sunday, July 8, 2012).

For more information, please contact the Colonial Heights Recreation & Parks Department at (804) 520-9390.

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