



July 3rd Road Closures

The **Wilmette Park District Fun Run/Walk and Youth Run** is being held on Wednesday, July 3rd, between 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM. There will be temporary road closures during this event on the following streets: Michigan Ave; Sheridan Rd; Central Ave; 10th St; Westerfield Dr; and Washington Ave.

The **Independence Day 2019 Celebration**, hosted by the Wilmette Park District, will take place on Wednesday, July 3rd at Gillson Park. As in previous years, road closures will occur near the park in order to safely accommodate the large volume of pedestrian traffic. Roads will be closed at 6:00 PM and will re-open at approximately 11:00 PM.

- Sheridan Road between Lake Avenue and Isabella St will be closed. Southbound vehicles will be detoured at Lake and then west to Green Bay Road. Northbound traffic will be detoured at Isabella and directed westbound to Poplar and then to Green Bay Road.
- 700 block of Michigan Avenue closed
- 4th Street will be closed between Lake and Central.
- Washington will be closed east of 4th.
- Central will be closed east of 4th.
- Greenleaf, Linden and Maple will be closed east of 3rd.
- 3rd Street will be closed for north bound traffic at Greenleaf.

Pace Bus Fireworks Shuttle (Recommended)



Take the Pace bus to Wilmette's Gillson Park Fireworks

Pace North Shore Division will provide shuttle bus service to Gillson Park in Wilmette for the Independence Day festivities on Tuesday, July 3rd, beginning at 4 p.m. and running continuously after the fireworks until the park is cleared.

Parking near Gillson Park is very limited. Car drivers typically have to park many blocks away and walk. The traffic in the area and the various street closures make it difficult to even get close enough to the park to drop off passengers. Take the frequent Pace bus service to the fireworks at Gillson Park and arrive worry-free!

Special buses will operate between Edens Plaza and Gillson Park, traveling east on Lake, south on 12th Street, east on Central to Gillson Park, dropping off passengers on Michigan, south of Washington. There will be a **\$4.50 fare** (cash or valid Ventra card) on the way to the park only; **a ticket will be issued for the return trip.** Riders with a valid RTA ride free permit and children under the age of 7 are free. Passengers are reminded to please have exact fare ready (dollar bills OK) when they board (driver cannot make change) and to watch for the special marked loading areas at the park for the return trip.

Free parking at the Wilmette Metra station. Motorists who do not live near the bus route may park their cars at the Wilmette METRA commuter lot or the Village Hall lot for a short bus ride to Gillson Park. Or alternatively, park on side streets along the bus route, parking lots around Lake & Ridge, or at Edens Plaza (in the evening), and ride the bus from there.

FIREWORKS SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE July 3rd, 2018

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm every 10 minutes

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm every 5 minutes

After the fireworks, buses will operate continuously until the park is cleared.

FARE: \$4.50 EASTBOUND
INCLUDES TICKET FOR RETURN TRIP
EXACT CHANGE ONLY (Dollar Bills OK)

Buses depart Gillson Park immediately after the fireworks and will continue to run until the Park has been totally cleared. **PASSENGERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR RETURN TICKETS READY** and watch for the special loading lines at Gillson Park:

- **RED ROUTE → EXPRESS TO EDENS PLAZA**
- **YELLOW RTE → METRA & ALL STOPS UP TO LAKE & RIDGE**
- **BLUE ROUTE → ALL STOPS**

The last bus leaves Gillson Park at 11:00 p.m.



Handicap Parking and Drop Off / Pick UP Zone:

Limited handicap parking will be available in the Gillson Beach Lot. Handicap drop off and pick up will be available at the Gillson Beach Lake Ave Gate. Traffic will be routed east on Lake Avenue; to the Gillson Beach Gate Drop Off Zone and exit the Beach Lot west on Lake Avenue. Signs will be posted along Lake Avenue west of Sheridan Road.

Ride Share Drop Off/Pick Up Zone

A Ride Share Drop Off/Pick Up Zone has been established in the 800 block of Michigan Ave. Riders will be able to use the new multi-purpose path to enter Gillson Beach or walk south to Gillson Park.

Parking:

Gillson Beach Parking Lot is restricted to vehicles with **seasonal beach parking permits only**. However, the Gillson Beach lot is normally full by 4:00 PM.

The following are other public parking locations:

- Edens Plaza (**FREE & Recommended**)
- Metra Lot (**FREE & Recommended**)
- CTA Lot
- Legal street parking on side streets west of 5th Street (**LIMITED & NOT RECOMMENDED**).

Langdon Park \ Elmwood Dunes

Langdon Beach and Elmwood Dunes will be closed on July 3rd for safety due to erosion from rising lake levels. Langdon Park will close at 5:00 PM and Elmwood Dunes will close at 3:00 PM. Both parks will re-open on July 4th.

People are encouraged to go to Gillson Park to view the Independence Day Fireworks Display.

Independence Day Fun and Fireworks will take place at Gillson Park and Beach on July 3rd starting at 4PM.