



TOWN OF PENDLETON

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RE: Town of Pendleton Independence Day Fireworks Display

Many watched the Town of Pendleton's annual July 4th fireworks display yesterday evening, only to be disappointed when the event was cut short due to a brush fire in the vicinity of where the fireworks were being launched. Safety is always a priority and no other decision could have been made at that time. We all look forward to this holiday time to celebrate our freedom and this is certainly not the way anyone wants to end the evening.

As was previously published on the Town's website and in the quarterly newsletter, the Town of Pendleton was forced to move the fireworks launch location due to changes in regulations to which the fireworks contractor must adhere. Major issues included fuel tanks to the south of the park at the Highway Garage, spectator and pavilion concerns in the center of the park, and additional concerns with an industrial facility located immediately to the north. The only suitable launch location available was Town-owned property to the east of the Town Park.

Looking to the future, we will take time over the coming year to evaluate our options for the fireworks display on July 4, 2017 to ensure that a safe and entertaining evening is planned for all in attendance. Once again we apologize for the disappointment and appreciate your understanding of the situation the Town of Pendleton had to work through in the months prior to Monday night's event.

Sincerely,

Town of Pendleton Town Board