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## Town of Stafford SummerFest & Fireworks – June 29, 2022

Stafford SummerFest & Fireworks returns on June 29, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. to kick off Independence Day weekend with live music, food trucks, fun activities, and a dazzling pyrotechnics display. A cornerstone town event, all activities will take place at the campus at Stafford High School. The long-running event ushers in the arrival of summer, a more than three-decade commitment from event sponsor Stafford Savings Bank.

“Summer is here and we’re looking forward to sparking joy for both residents and visitors,” says Bank President Win Trice. “Join the celebration of our nation and community – Stafford Savings Bank is proud to support both.”

The evening commences at 5:00pm with a diverse selection of regional food trucks and mobile eateries. Menus feature an array of options including international street fare, farm-to-table selections, desserts and sweets, classic fair favorites, and more. Local community groups will also join the lineup, showcasing their local work and services, while sharing opportunities for involvement. Additionally, the Stafford Lion’s Club is hosting a Cornhole Tournament from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Lawn games and art activities will offer fun for kids and families.

Loveland Hill Band returns to the stage at 6:00 p.m., playing a diverse repertoire of rock, pop, and dance tributes until the fireworks take flight at 9:30 p.m. While Loveland Hill Band entertains audiences across southern New England, the ensemble’s guitarist, Earl Middleton, has special ties to Stafford as the School Resource Officer. Middleton plays an important role in maintaining a safe school environment while fostering positive relationships between students and officers. An extension of community-oriented spirit, Loveland Hill Band also promises a fun evening of family-friendly live music.

While coined as a small town, Stafford is big on events. The mid-week event date serves as a precursor to SRX Racing Series at Stafford Motor Speedway on July 2, when SummerFest & Fireworks has been historically slated. Expected high visitor volumes through the weekend and its obvious link to medical, police, fire, and other support services called for a creative scheduling pivot.

“We’re fortunate to have a busy calendar and capacity to accommodate so many great events here in town,” says First Selectman Sal Titus. “This year’s celebration is taking place on Wednesday, a logistical response that turned into a positive move when compared to the nationwide fireworks shortage, and equipment rental and regional food vendor availability. This switch has made our lineup stronger than ever. We’re thankful for an involved community who help to make these events a reality and dedicated businesses like Stafford Savings Bank who continually support celebrations of our great town.”

Admission is free and all activities will take place at the Stafford High School, located at 145 Orcuttville Road in Stafford, Connecticut. The rural venue provides sprawling fields lush with grass and unobstructed views that are virtually void of ambient light – it’s a choice spot to spread out a blanket and enjoy this year’s fireworks. Onsite parking (with reserved near-entrance accessibility spaces) will be designated throughout the complex. For complete event information and updates visit [www.explorestaffordct.com/summerfest](http://www.explorestaffordct.com/summerfest) or follow [www.facebook.com/ExploreStaffordCT](https://www.facebook.com/ExploreStaffordCT). If the weather forces the postponement, the event will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

With unique shops, abundant recreation opportunities and proximity to numerous attractions, historic Stafford is a great place to spend the day and celebrate by night. Stafford is located seven miles from Exit 70 on Route 84, and less than 30 minutes from both Manchester and Enfield, Connecticut.