

March 12, 2025

Mr. John Rooney
Commissioner of Public Works – City of Racine
City Hall Room 303
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53404



Dear Mr. Rooney,

As you are aware, 4th Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. annually conducts the Independence Day Celebration in the City of Racine. I write to respectfully request your permission regarding various items relating to the Parade and Fireworks display, both to be held on Friday July 4th, 2025. The Parade will start at approximately 8:30am on Friday July 4th and last until approximately 11:30am.

We request the Permits for the following closures:

The Main and State Street bridges to boat traffic from 7:45am until the conclusion of the Parade.

Main St. from Shoreland Ave. on the North side to 14th St. on the South side.

14th St. from the lake to Racine St.

Michigan Blvd. for pre-parade staging from Goold St. to St. Patrick's St.

Ruby Ave, from South St. to Shoreland Ave. for float judging.

Also, Walton Ave., Romaine Ave., Augusta St., Wolff St., William St., Isabelle Ave., and Melvin Ave. between Main St. and Erie St. for Parade Staging.

In addition to the closures for the Parade, we again request that the Main and State St. Bridges be closed to boat traffic after the Fireworks on July 4th, 2025. The Fireworks will run from dusk to approximately one hour after dusk (typically 21:30-22:30).

We also ask permission to use the North Beach location along the North Pier to shoot the fireworks, the use of the former Walker Mfg. site as parking for the fireworks and any additional, miscellaneous permits which are required for the event. Lastly, we request the use of the "bicycle rack fencing" (crowd control fencing) from Festival Hall for crowd control and safety in the T.V. production area on Monument Square; including delivery, set up and take down of the fencing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (262) 994-0536. Thank you very much for your anticipated attention to the foregoing. We truly appreciate yours and the rest of the city staff's efforts to help continue this great Racine tradition!

Respectfully,

Jacob Lovdahl - President
4th Fest of Greater Racine, Inc.
c/o: 2803 Arrowhead St.
Racine, WI 53402