



COAST GUARD FESTIVAL SPOT MARKING AND SEAWALL MOORING POLICY

The public can place sheets, caution tape, golf tees and chairs on all public property to reserve space for the Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade and fireworks show after 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2020. The placement of spot markers prior to that time is prohibited, and items will be removed by city work crews. **NO BLOCKING OF ANY WALKWAYS AT ANY TIME**, including marking spots with duct tape, sidewalk chalk, placement of blankets or chairs.

Also prohibited are tents (of any kind), sand bags, plastic tarps, duct tape, rocks, stakes or spray paint. Plastic tarps suffocate and kill the grass, and rocks and stakes present a tripping hazard. All items violating this policy will be removed by the city.

City officials have noted that many people show up before the Fridays, 12:01 a.m. deadline and lay out blankets and markings, then remain on site until the deadline. This is permitted.

Owners of adjacent property immediately along the parade route are considered present for purposes of this policy.

“For purposes of our spot marking policy, individuals are permitted to claim a spot along the city right of way or river as long as they are consistently present up until the deadline (12:01 a.m. Friday morning),” City Manager Pat McGinnis said. “We consider an adjoining property owner ‘present’ when they mark their spot — they live or work at the property and are therefore ‘present’ for purposes of our policy.”

Seawall mooring policy

Boaters should be aware that all vessels moored overnight along the seawall are required to register at the Grand Haven Municipal Marina and obtain an overnight mooring permit. There is a \$10 charge for the permit, and the fee only covers mooring; it does not include electricity or access to private restroom facilities at the marina. Boaters should be aware that they may not moor on the seawall after 12 noon on Saturday Aug. 1, 2020.

The city’s Department of Public Works will post this notice 24 hours in advance as a reminder.

Officials remind boaters that rafting is limited to three vessels off the seawall. Any unregistered vessel moored along the seawall will be asked to leave.

The Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol will clear the seawall of all boat traffic at noon Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020.

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