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City Council bans fireworks on half of Linda Mar Beach

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City Council accepted the recommendations of the Fireworks Task Force Monday to limit "safe and sane" fireworks on Linda Mar State Beach to an area west of the north parking lot instead of the whole beach.

The area on which fireworks will be permitted July 4 will extend to about 10 feet east of the tideline and from north of the Taco Bell Restaurant to the north end of the parking lot. Fireworks will be permitted on the asphalt areas of Linda Mar beach parking lot and Rockaway Beach parking lot.

Fireworks will continue to be banned from Rockaway Beach, Sharp Park Beach, Manor and Esplanade Beach.

The task force also recommended City Council promote organized block parties.

More emphasis is to be placed on morning after clean up by the non-profit organizations that benefit from the sale of the fireworks.

They will arrive before 7:30 a.m. to begin their clean-up before city workers July 5. In a pilot program this year, the groups selling fireworks will provide 160 hours of additional clean up after July 5 but before August 5. The locations for the clean ups will be coordinated between the non-profit groups and the Pacifica Beach Coalition. In future years, the additional clean up hours will be included in the applications to sell fireworks. A member from each non-profit group selling fireworks must attend a meeting before July 4 to go over the new responsibilities.

The fireworks task force also recommended the city engage in a massive anti-litter education campaign. Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department will post signs and provide anti-litter literature at the fireworks sale booths. Anti-litter signs will be posted on dumpsters and garbage cans at the beaches, those signs should include information about how far away from tidelines fireworks will be allowed.

The task fore recommended TNT Fireworks and Recology place dumpsters at the designated fireworks sites. Those dumpsters will be emptied before dark on July 4 to prevent overflow after fireworks trash is put there.

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