

Champaign County Freedom Celebration Traffic Plan Overview

Venue – The evening show and fireworks will be held at Parkland College / Dodd's Park. These adjoining properties have three entrances. From the east side participants can enter from Parkland Way off Mattis Avenue. From the south side participants may enter from the main entrance off Bradley Avenue. This entrance will be configured to allow multiple lanes to enter the college. From the west side participants may enter from Duncan Road. The college has been working on a new west entrance and traffic may be allowed to use the old northwest entrance or the new southwest entrance.

Parking – The primary public parking for this event will be the parking lots on the Parkland College property. There are three sets of lots (B, C and M) with over 3000 spaces available. Additional parking is available north of the park district softball field complex. With the exception of the park district soccer field parking lot and Parkland College Lot B2, all lots are open general parking. The soccer field lots and Parkland Lot B2 have been designated as Handicapped and VIP parking. To access park district softball complex lots and Parkland M lots participants should enter from east or west entrances. To access Parkland C lots participants should enter the south or west entrances. For VIP / Handicapped or B lots participants should use the south main entrance. Those wishing to use VIP or Handicapped parking must have either a VIP pass or display handicap plates or placard and enter from Parkland's main entrance off Bradley Avenue.

Venue Parking Restrictions – No oversized vehicles will be allowed to park in the above mentioned lots. Oversized vehicles include vehicles pulling trailers, RV's or any vehicle that would require more than a single parking space. Vehicles meeting this description may park in the lot of Illinois work.net / Parkland's Mattis Ave building. **No vehicles will be allowed to park on the grass or in unmarked spaces at either the college or on park district property.** Vehicles failing to obey these restrictions will be subject to tow at the owner's expense.

On-street parking restrictions – To aid with traffic control following the event several streets in neighborhoods near the park district and college venue may have additional parking restrictions. These areas will be clearly marked with no parking signs.

Pre-event traffic pattern – *The public is encouraged to arrive early for this event.* People arriving within 30 minutes of the fireworks may not be allowed into the venue. Early arrival will help ensure that parking is available in the lots desired.

Beginning at 6:00 PM the traffic pattern will be in effect. Bradley Avenue from Country Fair Drive to Clayton Blvd / Parkland's main entrance will be one way only - west bound. To expedite the entry into the venue the right turn lane and two through lanes will be configured so that all lanes may turn into the college. Only the west bound left turn lane will be open to vehicles not going to the event. Vehicles in that lane will be required to go south on Clayton Blvd to exit out of the area.

Bradley Avenue between Clayton Blvd / Parkland's main entrance and Duncan Road will be closed to through traffic. Event traffic will be directed north on Duncan Road and all other traffic will be directed south out of the area.

Vehicles entering the venue from Parkland Way (Mattis Avenue entrance) will be required to turn north once they reach the perimeter drive of the college. This will allow those vehicles access to the M and C lots.

At 9:00 PM Bradley Avenue between Country Fair Dr and Clayton Blvd / Parkland's main entrance will be closed to all traffic. This is done to ensure a safe fireworks launch.

Post-Event Traffic Pattern – Beginning at 9:30 PM the post event traffic pattern will be put into effect. This pattern has been developed to expedite the flow of departing traffic and help ensure that safety of all participants and the general public. *The traffic pattern is expected to be in effect for at least one hour.*

Bradley Avenue will be a one way east bound from Clayton Blvd / Parkland's main entrance to Country Fair Dr. All traffic exiting from the main entrance will be directed to the east or south. Bradley west from Clayton Blvd / Parkland's main entrance to Duncan will remain closed.

Parkland Way entrance - Traffic exiting from the east (Parkland Way to Mattis) will all be directed to the north on Mattis Avenue. Both lanes of Parkland Way will be used for exiting traffic and both lanes will be required to turn left (north). Additional traffic control will be in place at Hedge Rd, Paula Dr and Bloomington Rd. Vehicles entering Mattis from Hedge and Paula will be required to go north.

Illinois Work.net parking - Vehicles parked in the Illinois Work.net center parking lot will be directed south on Mattis Avenue. Only one entrance / exit will be used.

Country Fair Dr – North bound Country Fair will be closed at Camp drive and all north bound traffic will be required to turn right. South bound Country Fair Dr from Bradley will be used as a relief point. As traffic backs up the officer at that intersection will direct the south lane to turn south on Country Fair. This action will allow traffic from the private parking lots in the area to exit and allow traffic to keep moving.

Bradley and Mattis – Vehicles approaching this intersection from the west may continue east or go south only. Vehicles approaching from the north may go south and east only. North bound traffic may go east only and east bound traffic may go south only. Two officers will be assigned to help manage the traffic at this location

Bradley west of Duncan – Bradley Ave between Duncan and Staley will be one way west bound. The officer at Staley will block Bradley for east bound traffic. Officers will be assigned to the intersections of Bradley with Alpine, Crestwood and Bluegrass. All vehicles exiting from those areas will be required to go west bound.

Duncan south of Bradley – Duncan Road between Bradley and the I-72 overpass will be one way south bound. All vehicles exiting from Edward Hoffman Dr and Clayton Blvd on to Duncan will be required to go south.

Many intersections in the area will be staffed with police officers or traffic volunteers. The public should be alert to higher than normal traffic flow in this area. In the immediate area of Parkland College and Dodd's Park, motorist should be especially alert to pedestrians in the area.