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Old Fashioned, Community Feeling at Saturday, July 4th Glenwood Fireworks Display
Free parking, quality concessions and lush surroundings will make for memorable evening

Glenwood, IL - After the barbecues, baseball tournaments and swim parties are over, many families just want to end the July 4th holiday in a low-key and relaxed way. They just want to spread a blanket, pop open a cooler and lay back to enjoy those colorful explosions in the sky. For them, the Village of Glenwood's Annual Independence Day Fireworks show is perfect.

"We have a wonderful show, full of the newest displays, because some of our guys also work for the fireworks provider," says Kevin Welsh, Glenwood Fire Chief. "They know what's new, what's going to be amazing, and they make sure it's in our show."

There will be a few ground displays, but most rockets will light up the sky above Glenwoodie Golf Course. "The Golf Course is a beautiful place to have the show. It's nice to spread your blanket on a lush lawn and there are about 1,000 free parking spaces. Traffic is very well-managed after the show, helping all our neighbors get home in a safe and orderly fashion."

Perhaps the most attractive thing about Glenwood's show at Glenwoodie is that there is no carnival attached to it. "People start arriving about 6:30 pm with blankets, lawn chairs and little tables. They bring picnics or buy hamburgers and hotdogs at the Clubhouse, kids run around and play catch - no one is overwhelmed with noisy rides and games. It's really like an old-fashioned community picnic, something right out of Mayberry."

The fireworks show will begin just after dusk, about 9:15 pm at this time of year, on Saturday July 4th. The display will last for about 30 minutes. Glenwoodie Golf Course, at 19301 State Street in Glenwood, is easily accessible from I-94, I-80 and I-394, just minutes south of Chicago.

"The Glenwood show is really ideal for families with little kids and for seniors who want to enjoy the weather and fireworks without a lot of parking hassles," Welsh says. "We put on one of the best shows in the region, in one of the most beautiful settings."

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