Monterey, CA – Communities including Monterey must find unique ways to celebrate the Independence Day holiday this year, as traditional events were cancelled months ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can all still enjoy the 4th of July with careful celebrations that maintain physical distancing, and by everyone wearing masks, refraining from large social gatherings, washing hands thoroughly and often, and taking other health officer directives to reduce the spread of the virus. Remaining diligent and taking the necessary precautions will help our community defeat COVID-19. People celebrating in small groups at the beaches, parks, and other public locations are asked to pick up all garbage including used masks and gloves.

The Monterey Fire Department reminds everyone that fireworks of any kind, including ‘safe and sane’ fireworks, are prohibited in the City of Monterey and carry a significant fine of $1000.

There will still be fun ways to celebrate the 4th of July safely for the whole family:

- MY Museum and the Monterey Firefighters’ Association are hosting a Donut Breakfast to Go “Raising Dough for MY Museum” event from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at MY Museum, 425 Washington Street. Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/july-4th-donut-breakfast-pick-up-raising-dough-for-my-museum-tickets-111006110264

- The annual Monterey County Pops! Independence Day concert “The POPS! Celebrates Freedom” will be virtual and broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. on Comcast channel 24 (AMP 1) and live-streamed https://montereycountypops.org/
Celebrate the 4th of July weekend with **Drive thru Fair Food, Movies and Streamed in Fireworks at the Monterey County Fair**, hosted by Premier Chevrolet of Seaside – see Friday and Saturday movie listings, pre-order concessions, and FAQs at [https://montereycountyfair.com/pop-up-drive-in-movies/](https://montereycountyfair.com/pop-up-drive-in-movies/)


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