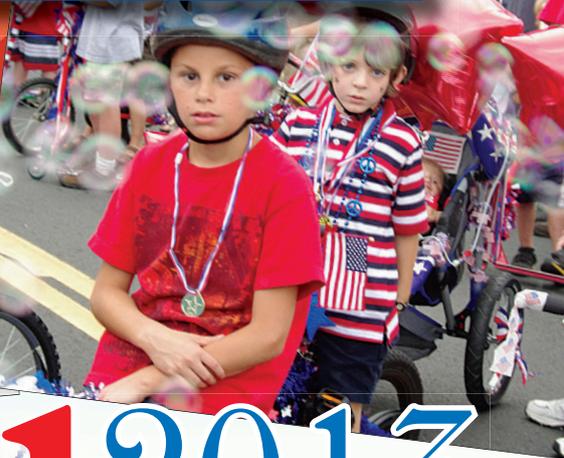


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JULY IN THE SKY - HENRY PARK

FUN ZONE

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This year at the July in the Sky Fireworks, Tuesday July 2nd, the incredible, thrilling, electrifying "Fun Zone" which is held up at Henry Park, is guaranteed to generate fun and excitement for kids of all ages. The "Fun Zone" will be held on the Frank J. McCoy baseball field.

The activities will start at 6:15 and will run until 9:15. Bracelets will be sold for \$5.00 which will give people access to all activities. Bracelets will be sold at the field.

ACTIVITIES

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JULY IN THE SKY - HENRY PARK

Beyond Dance



Beyond Dance, located in Vernon, offers classes in hip hop, breakin', jazz, tap, ballet, pointe, lyrical, contemporary, pom dance, tiny tot and pre-school combination. Artistic Director Jessica Foster is excited to have just completed 13 years of dance education. Several successful shows were held in the local area. Dancers participate in various events throughout the year, including performing at Harlem Globetrotters and Boston Celtics basketball games, Disney World in Orlando, Florida, Six

Flags New England, and the Big E. All*Star competition dancers have received national titles, platinum and gold honors, and various special judges and choreography awards. Each winter holiday, the group donates gifts for the Toys for Tykes program. Summer sessions begin in July with evening classes and a one-week dance experience workshop featuring half day programs. For additional information check out their website at www.beyonddancect.com or call 860-986-2651.

'July in the Sky' at Henry Park

Come to Henry Park and enjoy July in the Sky Fireworks from the closest viewing point in Vernon. Our firework display is one of the biggest, most spectacular displays in the state. This will be the 68th year of this special event.

The fireworks will be shot off at Fox Hill Tower in Henry Park on Tuesday, July 2nd at approximately 9:40pm. The rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd.

Not only will the show be spectacular, there is some great entertainment scheduled as well.

Superior Energy "Fun Zone" Come join the fun- this is where the action will be.

Superior Energy, LLC is sponsoring the Fun Zone, located on McCoy field.

All kinds of food and drinks will be served; hamburgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, fried dough, chicken, French fries, pizza, soda, lemonade, cotton candy, ice cream, baked potatoes, strawberry shortcake and kettle corn.

• Glow toys of all kinds will be sold by the Vernon Teen Center.

This year's event sponsors are **ROCKVILLE BANK FOUNDATION** and **PRICE CHOPPER /KRAFT**. Their community involvement is greatly appreciated by all. Each and every year many businesses donate money or in kind services to help with the operation and funding of this event. There are different levels of sponsorship that are available to business owners, if you are interested in the future, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 860-870-3520.

The Vernon Parks and Recreation Department does much of the administrative work and the day of responsibility

ties for this event, but it is a great team effort by many of the Town of Vernon Departments. The Police Department takes care of the safety aspect with officers patrolling Downtown Rockville and Henry Park. Getting cars in and out of the viewing areas, crowd control and traffic control is no easy task. The Fire Department strategically places their trucks and staff to secure the safety of all people and their homes. The Fire Marshall is responsible for the launching area and the firework discharging. The Public Works Department is responsible for road blocks, signage and clean up. McDonald's sponsors the barbecue for the sponsors and the people helping with the fireworks. Hidden Dragon that takes complete control of all vehicular traffic in Henry Park. The Rockville Community Alliance coordinates of activities for Downtown Rockville. Finally, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the launch area, the safety zones, parking, entertainment, publicity, fund-raising, food and many, many other tasks. The citizens of Vernon should be very proud of the efforts of each and every department.

The day of the fireworks, Tuesday July 2nd, Henry Park will close at 4:00pm, the gates open at 6:00pm. Cars can park inside of Henry Park at a cost of \$5.00 per car. People walking to the park are asked for a \$1.00 donation, all the funds collected goes towards the fireworks.

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Henry Park SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6:00 Gates open
- 6:00-9:30 Food served at "Food Court" located near Horowitz Pool
- 6:00-9:30 Glow toys sold by Teen Center
- 6:15 -9:15 "Fun Zone" on McCoy baseball field
- 6:30-7:30 Beyond Dance performance
- 7:30-9:15 Outline Alaska local High School Band
- 8:30 National Anthem, sung by Dennis Nevins
- 9:40 Fireworks

JULY IN THE SKY - HENRY PARK

Limited Traffic Rules Beginning at 6:00 p.m

ROAD CLOSURES

Henry Park:

- Spruce Street
- Tower Rd after 10 a.m.
- Henry Park portions of Thomas St.

There will be no foot traffic or vehicles allowed on Tower Road beginning at 10:00 a.m. (residents who live on these streets should plan accordingly, but will be allowed vehicular access)

NO PARKING

- Vernon Avenue
- McLean Street
- South Street

ONE SIDE PARKING

- High Street
- Howard Street
- Fox Hill Drive
- Reed Street
- Kevin Drive
- Hale Street Extension
- Earl Street
- Crown Street

Cars parked in Henry Park will exit onto South St going West. Cars parked on Fox Hill Dr., Reed St., Hale St. Extension, Crown St. and White St. will exit onto South St.

OUTLINE ALASKA



Local band comprised of Austin Hills and Brendan Kennedy. Both are residents of Vernon and attend Rockville High School. Songs are originals and covers. Genre: Rock/Pop/Independent

JULY IN THE SKY - HENRY PARK

McDonald's Sponsors Barbecue



For the 7th consecutive year McDonald's will be sponsoring the barbecue for the sponsors and the individuals who help with the fireworks. All of the McDonald's employees that work this barbecue are courteous, friendly, polite and professional. Thank you to each and everyone. McDonald's puts on a

first class barbecue, which includes burgers, hot dogs, chicken, salad, dessert and drinks. This barbecue takes place at the Picnic Grove in Henry Park.

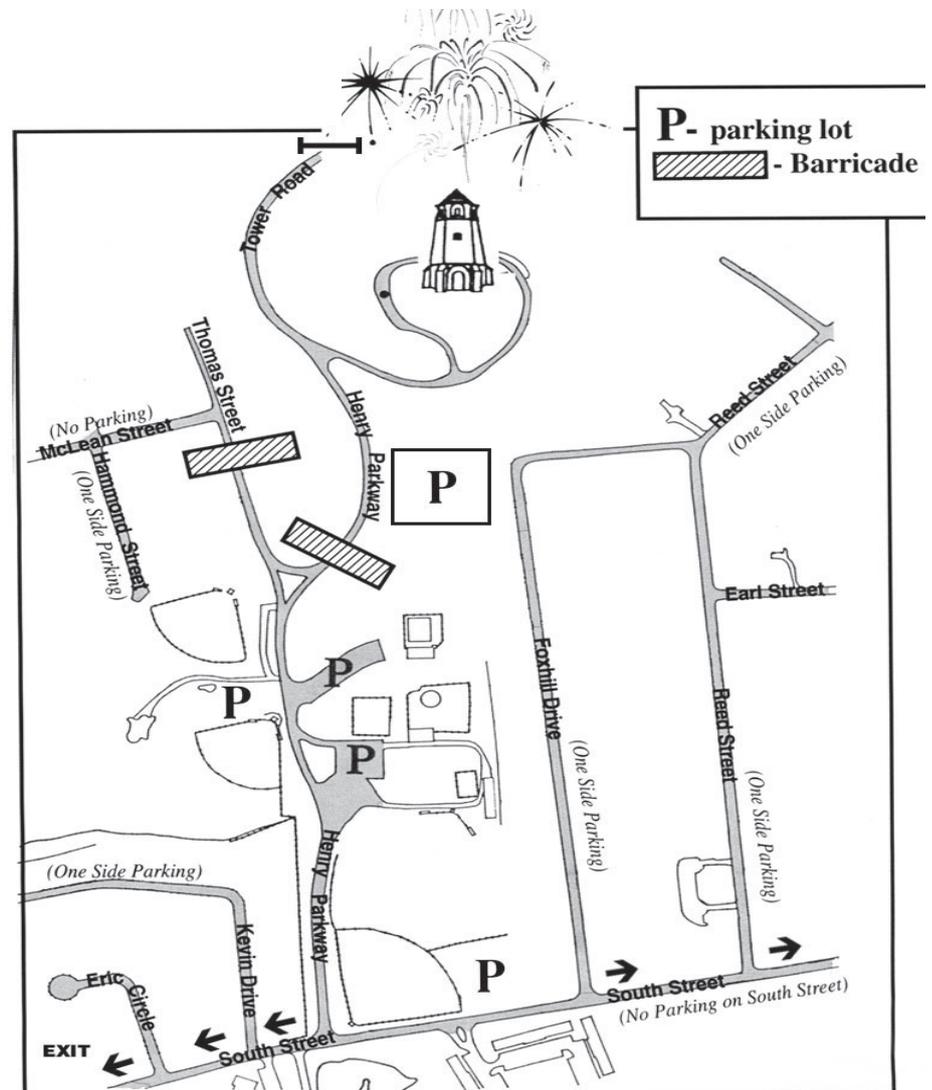
The Town of Vernon appreciates McDonald's community involvement.

Things to Know

- **ARRIVE EARLY** at Henry Park to take advantage of the parking (\$5 per car) available and to select a preferred seating location, and bring blankets and chairs to assure comfortable seating for an evening of fun and entertainment!
- **CANNOT LEAVE** until the show is over which is approximately 10pm, Cars will be boxed in
- **NO PETS!!!!** Pets will not be allowed into the Parks.
- Henry Park will close at 4:00 for all activities
- Tower Road will be closed at 10am, there will be no foot traffic or vehicles allowed.
- **NO BICYCLES, NO SKATEBOARDS** allowed in the park.
- **NO FIREWORKS, NO SPARKLERS** allowed.
- **NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages allowed in the Park.
- **NORTHEAST SCHOOL** is another great viewing area. This year cars will be charged \$5.00 to park. All proceeds goes towards next year's event. Glow toys, food and ice cream will be available.

Fox Hill Tower In Henry Park

Closed to Walkers and Vehicles at 10:00 a.m.



JULY IN THE SKY - HENRY PARK

Hidden Dragon Will Park You



Hidden Dragon Karate, located at 458 Talcottville Rd. Vernon has been providing more than 30 Instructors, adult students and parent volunteer's to direct traffic and safety control for the July in the Sky Fireworks celebration for the past eight years, and this year is no exception. Hidden Dragon has been a valued member of the Vernon Community for over 20 years, and has always supported the Vernon Parks and Rec. Dept. in their many yearly events. In 2012 Hidden Dragon was presented the Outstanding Organization Award by the Vernon Parks and Recreation Department.

To add a little flare to the Fireworks celebration they have given names to the various parking areas at Henry Park where the fireworks will be viewed. For example: the main entrance is called Death Valley, the hill parking area is Boot Hill also there is

the OK Corral, the Pondarosa and Long Branch.

Master Rod Fuller is the Founder and Chief Instructor of Hidden Dragon Karate. Master Fuller is a 7th Degree Black Belt in Shaolin Kempo Karate with over 30 years of experience. Hidden Dragon has three schools located in Connecticut with over 400 students statewide. 250 students are enrolled right here in their Vernon location. In addition to the many awards the school has received over the years, they were selected as the "2011 National Shaolin Kempo School of the Year" by the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Master Fuller has always encouraged his Instructor's, students and parents to be involved in as many community projects as possible. In fact a line from their school motto said it all. "As a Martial Artist we lead by example".

JULY IN THE SKY



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JULY IN THE SKY

Here are some facts about Vernon's July in the Sky Fireworks

Here are some facts about Vernon's July in the Sky Fireworks.

- This is Vernon's biggest special event, it is our "signature event," and has become a tradition to all.

- One of the largest displays in the State.

- This year's fireworks are the 68th annual display.

- The fireworks are enjoyed by patrons around the region.

- Since the fireworks are launched from Vernon's highest elevated spot, citizens from all the area towns enjoy this display, Ellington, Tolland, Bolton, Somers, South Windsor, East Windsor and Manchester.

- We estimate that over 50,000 people view this spectacular show.

- The two main viewing sites, Henry Park and Downtown Rockville draw over 8,000 people.

Northeast School is another site to view the fireworks

- Food courts and local entertainment at both sites.

- Many Departments from the Town of Vernon work together to make this a success, Police, Ambulance, Public Works, Fire Department, Fire Marshall, Building Department and Parks and Recreation.

- Many local sponsors financially support this event, which is fully funded by donations.

- Work closely with the Rockville Community Alliance for activities in downtown.

- Rockville Reminder has partnered with the Town of Vernon to publicize this event and all sponsors.

- When people talk about Vernon they always mention our fireworks.

Rockville Bank Foundation and Price Chopper/Kraft are Event Sponsors

Superior Energy is the sponsor of the "new improved" Fun Zone at Henry Park

A Message From Mayor George F. Apel



I would like to invite everyone to come and celebrate at the 68th Annual "July in the Sky" event.

This year our signature event will take place on July 2, 2013 beginning at 6:00 PM. Many activities are

taking place throughout the evening at Henry Park and in Central Park, followed by one of the state's best fireworks displays.

Spectators will be allowed to enter Henry Park (120 South Street) at 6:00 PM, to secure a spot

for viewing our premier fireworks display that begins around 9:40 PM over Fox Hill Tower.

Downtown Rockville will showcase events beginning at 6:00 PM as well, including carnival type

games, giant inflatables, and music for all ages. Don't forget to sign up for the Push, Pedal, Pull

Patriotic Parade to show your patriotic spirit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many department heads and staff members that

help to make this a very successful event. We are fortunate to have the Police, Ambulance, Public

Works, Parks and Recreation, Fire Marshal and Fire Department actively participating in this enormous event.

This is an event you do not want to miss, so bring your friends and family and enjoy the evening.

Hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

George F. Apel

Mayor

Town of Vernon

JULY IN THE SKY - DOWNTOWN

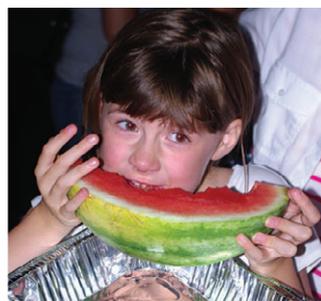
Downtown Rockville 'July in the Sky' Schedule of Events July 2, 2013 • 6 pm - 10 pm

Stop by Bev's Corner to learn more how YOU can ... Stop Child Hunger Now!



Have you seen the RED PUSH PIN around town? Did you know that it is a program to address the nearly 17 million hungry children in America? If you want to get involved look for the Red Push Pin on ConAgra products at your grocery store. You will probably find them on products you already purchase. The code on the package can be entered at the ChildHungerEndsHere.com web site. Every code entered filters down to our local Tri-Town Pantry. Either you can enter your codes or you can bring them into Bev's Corner and we will be happy to enter them for you. Check out 1Vernon.org web site for more information and eligible products. Drop in to Bev's Corner for a brief visit (or longer) whenever it's open - all welcome!

- 6:00 - 9:00 PM Giant Inflatables, Climbing Wall, Carnival-type games, Face painting & Food Court
 - 6:00 PM Welcome to July in the Sky - Downtown Rockville
 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM Corey Hutchins tap/jazz band - kids learn to tap dance!
 - 7:00 - 7:15 PM Lunging Tigers demonstration
 - 7:15 - 7:30 PM Judging of parade contestants
 - 7:35 - 7:40 PM National Anthem - sung by, Dennis Nevins
 - 7:40 - 8:00 PM Push, Pedal, Pull Patriotic Parade
 - 8:00 - 8:05 PM Announcement of parade winners
 - 8:05 - 8:30 PM Music - announcements
 - 8:30 - 9:40 PM South Windsor Community Band
 - 9:40 PM approximate Fireworks
- *Note: Schedule subject to change



Downtown Rockville parking Restrictions

St. Bernard's Terrace, Park Street (South of School Street) and Park Place will be closed to traffic. Main Street will be closed at 6 p.m. Other temporary no parking zones: Court Street, east side only, between East Main Street and Brooklyn Street; Brooklyn Street north side between entrances to Rockville Professional Center and Vernon Avenue; Vernon Avenue between Brooklyn Street and West Main Street; West Main Street between Vernon Avenue and Union Street.

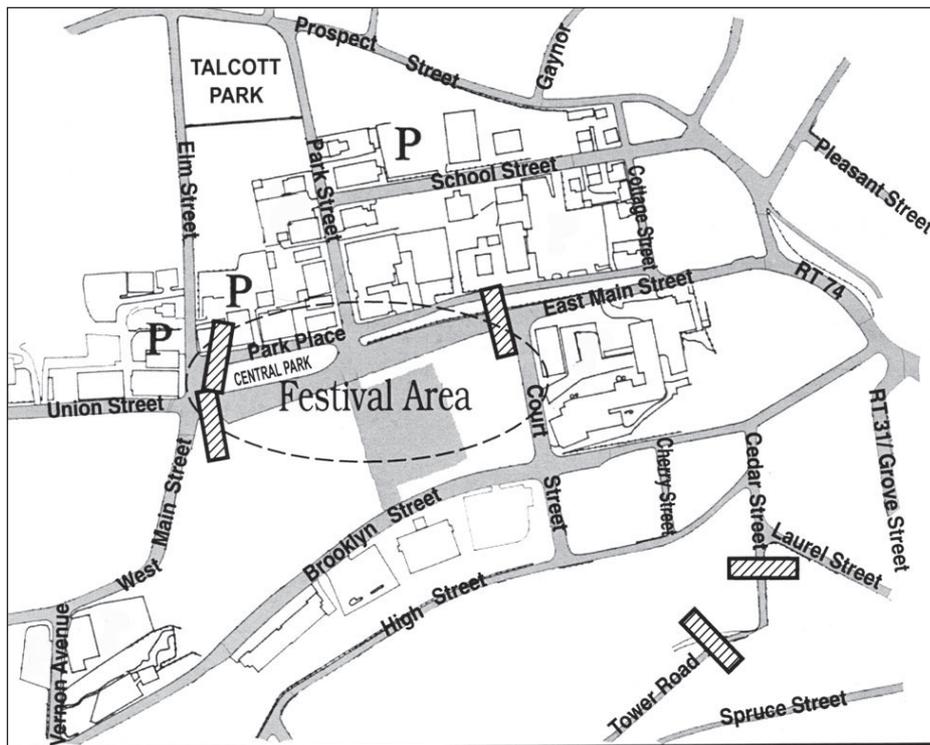
AFTER THE FIREWORKS THERE WILL BE ALTERNATE TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND HENRY PARK AND DOWNTOWN ROCKVILLE; ROUTES WILL BE WELL POSTED

No alcoholic beverages, sparklers, fireworks, pets (including dogs), skateboarders or bicycles are allowed in the event areas, both at Henry Park and Downtown Rockville. On Tower Road, no cars or pedestrians will be allowed after 10 a.m. Residents who live on these streets should plan accordingly.

DONATIONS

Individuals walking to Downtown will be asked for a \$1.00 donation that will be used for next year's festivities, but there is no charge to come to the event.

NOTICE: Per the Vernon Police Department: No Alcoholic Beverages, No Sparklers/Fireworks/Smoke Bombs or Pets Allowed at Either Event Site.



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Corey Hutchins

Corey Hutchins is a professional tap dancer from Manchester, Connecticut. He has traveled the world with Riverdance The Show and was recently seen at The White House performing for the First Lady Michelle Obama and other guests.

His band consists of Jocelyn Pleasant (drummer) from Hartford and Taber Gable (piano) from Tennessee and a student at the University of Hartford. This band aims to take two great American art forms Jazz and Tap dance and col-



lectively place them as one. They keep your head bobbing and your toes tapping!

Corey and his band will also be teaching kids the fundamentals of tap during July in the Sky in Downtown Rockville.

South Windsor Community Band

The South Windsor Community Band has been together nearly 20 years. Amateur musicians from South Windsor and surrounding communities rehearse weekly to prepare for a number of events and performances throughout the year. We are delighted to welcome them back to this year's July in the Sky celebration in Downtown

Rockville. Their performance will conclude with a rousing rendition of The Stars and Stripes Forever to kick off the brilliant fireworks. For more information go to: www.swband.org



JULY IN THE SKY - DOWNTOWN

Push, Pull, Pedal, Patriotic Parade

This year will be the 11th anniversary of the Push, Pull and Pedal Patriotic Parade, affectionately known as the “PPPPP.” This colorful parade will once again be part of the downtown Rockville celebration of July in the Sky. People of all ages are invited to join in - on bikes and trikes, in wagons, on skates and skateboards (but only for the parade) -- even on foot, if need be! Participants decorate these “vehicles” in red, white and blue -- there is no right or wrong way -- the sky is the limit! For those who are extremely patriotic, don't forget to look the part by dressing up. There will be judging for each category and prizes will be handed out.

To save time, it is best to arrive with decorating in place, but for those who need a little something “extra” (or a lot extra) there will be volunteers ready to help with crepe paper and other colorful decorations.. A special crew will be ready to help with the decorating and organizing of this parade. Decorating and line up start at 6:15 pm in front of Bank of America. Judging will be at 7:15 pm and the parade will start at 7:35 pm.



The route is Union Street to Central Park and Elm Street and then back.

The PPPPParade will start off with one of the only two cars allowed for this event. Vernon's Mayor, George Apel, will lead the way in a car donated for the occasion by Bundy Motors of Tolland. Uncle Sam and Martha Washington and friends will bring up the rear in an antique pickup truck, and be available for photos after the parade.

Come for fun and food – stay for entertainment and fireworks!

Come early – pick out a viewing place to put your blanket and/or chairs – downtown Rockville offers a fantastic viewing sight for the fireworks. When the lights go out you know that a spectacular show is about to begin. Last year the crowd was fooled into thinking, several times, that they were witnessing the grande finale, only to have more fireworks go off – again and again! Games and activities will end just before the fireworks begin, but food vendors will probably stay open for your dining pleasure

Before leaving for the night, please be courteous and help clean up the down-

town area by disposing of your garbage and recycling items properly. There will be numerous trash cans and recycling cans (clearly marked), and our crews will be emptying them throughout the night as necessary. Please take pride in our community and help us keep it clean!

The recycling of cans and bottles will be done by the local order of the Sphinx, who will redeem the cans and bottles to help support the many children treated at their special burn centers in the area. Many of the children treated at these facilities have no insurance

Downtown Rockville Venue Food & Fun

(this is just a glimpse of what will be available)

Food Vendors: Nanna's Ice Cream, I Made It (grinders – steak & cheese, peppers & sausage; shaved steak sandwiches, hamburgers, chips), Keiffer's Kettle Korn (caramelized popcorn and nuts – yum! Italian ice, lemonade), Nutmeg Consessions (fried Oreos, funnel cakes, cotton candy, pretzels, chicken, fries

and corndogs), Exchange Club/Kid-safe-fried dough

Vendors and Displays: Fishman Novelties, YMCA, Rockville Library, C. E. R. T., Vernon Pre School, Crossroad Community Church, The Bridge Family Center, Bev's Corner.

JULY IN THE SKY - DOWNTOWN

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Carnival Atmosphere to Prevail in Rockville

Who doesn't love fire trucks? Or obstacle courses, or bounce houses? That's just a sampling of things for kids to do at the downtown celebration on July 2nd. There will be a total of 4 "bounce house" type activities for kids to enjoy, and several carnival-type games for everyone to enjoy.

Four bounce houses, a climbing wall, carnival-type games, cotton candy, fried doughand more.... will be available from 6:00 pm until the fireworks show on Tuesday, July 2nd. Downtown merchants are anticipating increased traffic as the result of large crowds expected to join in the fun and festivities before the annual fireworks sponsored by the Town of Vernon. The downtown area will be transformed into a giant carnival, with games, demonstrations, music, food galore and a parade. Most of the vendors will be local businesses and/or groups.

Wrist bands will be sold for \$10.00 and will include all inflatables and games run by the Rockville Community Alliance. Does not include the climbing wall. Games available: bean bag toss, lollipop tree, potty toss and spin art.

For more information, please go to: www.rockvillecommunityalliance.org
Fire Truck is 18' long!



JULY IN THE SKY - DOWNTOWN

Miss Greater Rockville and Miss Greater Rockville's Outstanding Teen to Help Celebrate July Fourth Festivities!!

Come meet Gina Salvatore and Jeannette Porcello, the 2013 winners of the Miss Greater Rockville and Miss Greater Rockville's Outstanding Teen, respectively. Meet them in person, talk to them, hear about their personal platforms and what they are doing to for the national charity, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (which in Connecticut goes to the Children's Medical Center in Hartford); you can also request an autographed photo of each of them!



