



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **NEW GUIDELINES ENHANCE SAFETY AT JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> EXTRAVAGANZA**

We are all looking forward to another fantastic July 4<sup>th</sup> at Warner Park. Valley Cultural Center is proud to produce the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual – Bob Blumenfield’s July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Extravaganza, Presented by Keyes Automotive Group. Each year, tens-of-thousands of community members across the City of Los Angeles attend this event to celebrate our country’s independence.

In continuing efforts to keep you and your family safe, and at the request of the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Cultural Center, along with the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Fire Department and Councilman, Bob Blumenfield – are implementing additional safety and security measures at this year’s event.

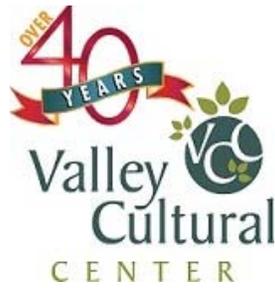
One significant change will be securing the park area itself. This year, there will be five designated points of entry.

As in the past, Califa Street between Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Owensmouth Avenue will be closed to public access beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be public access walkway between parking structures leading from the Marriott Hotel. This walkway will close at approximately 7:45 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> and not reopen until approximately 10:30 p.m. Other defined gate entrances will be located as follows: 1) Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Califa Street, 2) Topanga Canyon Blvd. and Marylee Street, 3) Marylee Street and Owensmouth Avenue and 4) Owensmouth Avenue and Califa Street. Once the fireworks show is complete at approximately 9:25 p.m., these and other gates will be made available for exiting the park. Officers from LAPD and VCC’s hired security team will be stationed at each of these gates at all times.

Please, DO NOT bring any of the following items into or near park grounds:

- Smoking and/or vaping devices
- Barbeques including gas, charcoal or butane
- Alcoholic beverages of any type
- Illegal drugs
- Fireworks, including sparklers

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- Dangerous weapons including:
- Guns and stun guns
- Sharp objects, including: kitchen knives, spikes or ground stakes
- Mace and/or chemical irritants
- Glass bottles
- Combustible liquids
- Laser pointing devices

Additionally, backpacks, purses, coolers or any other types of concealed storage, including your pockets or other items of clothing are subject to search by the Los Angeles Police Department and/or Valley Cultural Center's hired security officers. This may include a search of your person.

Finally, if you see something out of place or suspicious in nature, please contact a member of the police department and/or VCC's security officers.

We look forward to another fabulous concert and spectacular fireworks Extravaganza. See you, your family and friends on July 4<sup>th</sup>! Thank you for your cooperation.

Additional information is available at [www.valleycultural.org](http://www.valleycultural.org) or by calling 818-704-1358.

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