

## Fireworks Spectacular is Saturday at Onatru

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It almost didn't happen, but this Saturday, Lewisboro's residents will gather at Onatru Farm for the 11th annual "Fireworks Spectacular" — an event largely supported by donations from residents and local businesses. Parking for the event opens at 5 p.m., and entertainment will include performances by Annie and the Natural Wonder Band at 7 and Someone and the Others at 8 before the fireworks begin at dusk.

The event is to cost \$15 per car, open to residents of Lewisboro and the Katonah-Lewisboro School District. Food will be sold by the Lewisboro Lions Club.

Although parking will be available at Onatru, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dana Mayclim warned that it may be limited if the weather continues to be rainy. If the ground is still damp on Saturday, the town may not open Onatru's athletic fields for parking, drastically reducing the amount of parking available. Ms. Mayclim said that a shuttle would be running from Meadow Pond Elementary School.

In case of rain on Saturday, the fireworks are to be held the following Tuesday, June 30. Ms. Mayclim said a rain cancellation would be announced on the town's Web site, [lewisborogov.com](http://lewisborogov.com), and on the parks and recreation program hotline, 232-6166.

### Looking for donations

With an estimated cost of about \$35,000, including staff overtime, the fireworks celebration had been one of the events considered for elimination because of the town's budget crisis. However, the town was able to raise \$17,170 in donations, which, combined with parking fees that last year reached about \$7,000, would offset a significant amount of the cost of the event.

"We couldn't have done it without Councilman [Peter] DeLucia, who probably singlehandedly raised \$15,000 of that number," said Ms. Mayclim. Mr. DeLucia, expanding on work done by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, had gone door to door in the town's commercial centers — Oakridge Commons, the Cross River Shopping Plaza — looking for potential donors. He also approached friends, and when word came that he was seeking donors, he began receiving calls from other people interested in sponsoring the event.

"I'm just so happy to be a member of a community that can really get together like this," Mr. DeLucia said. "It worked out perfectly."

All told, 38 local businesses, organizations and families donated to the event, including the Lewisboro Democratic and Republican town committees, the Goldens Bridge Fire Department, the Lions Club, and several local sports clubs. A complete list of donors is available at [lewisboroledger.com](http://lewisboroledger.com).