



MEDIA RELEASE

2019 Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial Fireworks

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City of Xenia Hosts Fifth Annual “Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial Fireworks” at Shawnee Park

Xenia, Ohio (June 19, 2019) – The City of Xenia will play host to the Xenia Rotary Club’s fifth annual “Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial Fireworks”, Friday, July 5, 2019, at Xenia’s iconic Shawnee Park. The fireworks will begin at 10:00 pm following Xenia’s popular “First Fridays” July event, which runs from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Downtown Xenia, featuring music, food, face painting, bouncy houses, a car cruise-in, community displays, street performers, bands, children’s games, animal petting zoos and other entertainment.

The fireworks, produced by Rozzi’s, Inc., and presented by the Xenia Rotary Club, will showcase nearly thirty (30) minutes of uninterrupted pyrotechnics. There will be food trucks, walking entertainers, and a special children’s “Super Hero Bicycle Parade” that will proceed from Downtown Xenia to Shawnee Park, signaling the kick-off of the fireworks display. The Super Hero Bike Parade will be for children fourteen (14) and under and encourages participants to decorate individual bikes and wear costumes of their favorite super heroes. Participants will be asked to line-up and register for the Bike Parade at the Greene County Courthouse and after arrival in Shawnee Park, will remain for judging, and public awarding of prizes for best presentation.

Xenia City Manager Brent Merriman stated, “The City of Xenia is proud to once again host the Xenia Rotary Club’s “Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial Fireworks” in Shawnee Park. Each year the Memorial Fireworks and First Friday events bring nearly 10,000 family-friendly visitors to our downtown area for one of the best fireworks displays in the region. We are pleased to provide essential police, fire, and public service department assistance to ensure our citizens have a safe and enjoyable experience. We thank the Rotary Club of Xenia, the Sonnycalb family, Kettering Health Network and Greene Memorial Hospital, and the John and Betty Meyer Foundation, along with a host of other sponsors that help continue this tradition in Downtown Xenia.”

According to Xenia Rotary Club President Tony Sculimbrene, the Kevin Sonnycalb Memorial Fireworks represents the essence of the Rotary Club Mission. Sculimbrene stated, “For over ninety-eight years, Xenia Rotarians have assisted in the improvement of our community and the support of those in need. Our Rotary Club is proud of our members, most of whom are local leaders supporting both local and international humane causes. The fireworks are just one more example of such charitable support of important causes.”

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Sculimbrene added, “We are very proud that the Xenia Rotary Club, with the help of Greene Memorial Hospital, the City of Xenia and especially the Kevin Sonnyalb family, can honor Kevin, our past Rotarian, while providing support for this annual tradition that benefits families of Xenia and its surrounding communities.”

Other sponsors of the Memorial Fireworks include the Kennedy Property Group, The Stephan Family, Anderson Williamson Insurance, H+B Electric, Dodds Memorials, Reichley Insurance, Montgomery Insurance and Investments, Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Evan Scott Strategic Marketing, ScreenPlay Printing, Four Oaks Early Childhood Intervention and McIlvaine Relators.

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