



City of South Haven

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SPECIAL BRIDGE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR JULY 5, 2009 FIREWORKS

- 1.) The bridge will operate on a normal cycle until the 9:30PM opening and closing.
- 2.) Once the 9:30PM bridge operation is completed, the bridge will remain in a closed position (allowing pedestrian and vehicular traffic) until 11:30PM.
- 3.) In case of an emergency during that time period, upon command from the South Haven Police Department or the Van Buren County Sheriff's Marine Division, the bridge will be opened for boating traffic during the emergency.
- 4.) At 11:30PM, the bridge will be open for boating traffic only, until the boating traffic clears the harbor/bridge area, at which time the bridge will return to normal operating procedures. **PEDESTRIANS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CROSS THE BLACK RIVER DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. PEDESTRIANS ARE ADVISED TO STAY ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE RIVER THAT YOU RESIDE OR PARK YOUR CAR. THE BRIDGE MAY NEED TO REMAIN OPEN FOR BOAT TRAFFIC FOR UP TO 1 HOUR.**
- 5.) The Van Buren County Sheriff's Marine Division will advise the South Haven Dispatch, who will in turn contact the Bridge Tender, when the last boat moves upstream from the bridge at the conclusion of the fireworks program. Once that notification is made, the bridge will resume normal operation.
- 6.) During the time the bridge is open for boating traffic, **ALL VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS WILL WAIT BEHIND THE BARRICADE ARMS AT EACH END OF THE BRIDGE, UNTIL THEY ARE RAISED AND THEN PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES CAN CROSS THE BRIDGE. FAILURE TO HEED THIS WARNING MAY RESULT IN YOUR ARREST.**
- 7.) Any questions pertaining to bridge operations may be directed to Ron Dotson, Superintendent, Department of Public Works at 269-637-0730. If after hours, weekends, or holidays, contact the South Haven Police Department Dispatch at 269-637-5151.