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Fireworks: To be or not to be? That's the *real* question

You can drive along I-95, Route 13 or many other highways in Virginia and fall into the temptation of buying fireworks. There is such joy in seeing shimmering colors and dazzling shapes adorn our nighttime skies as though the stars themselves sit back and wait for the shows. Whether boy or girl, man or woman everyone looks for them especially during holiday weekends. However, the personal use of these attractive gadgets is illegal in Virginia. In order to legally operate any fireworks one must secure a permit from the city or county in which the fireworks will be used. That is why we can view the

glamour in the skies at amusement parks, fairs and at city parks on holidays. It becomes dangerous when people light the fireworks in neighborhoods and backyards without permission. Just last year, fireworks took the life of a man in Virginia Beach who was along the oceanfront. He attempted to light a firework and was struck by its material. We, at The Cooper Law Firm, certainly mourn his lost and hope that his story will raise awareness of the dangers of personally operating fireworks. Listed below are events where you can enjoy amazing firework displays this summer in Hampton Roads. So be safe and enjoy!

July 3rd – Tides Stadium, 9th Inning, Norfolk

July 4th – Town Point Park, 9:30pm, Norfolk

July 4th – Oceanfront, 9:30pm, Virginia Beach

July 4th – Crawford Street/Seawalk, 9:30pm, Downtown Portsmouth

July 6th – August 24th – Virginia Beach Oceanfront (Sundays and Wednesdays), 10pm

July 19th – Tides Stadium, 9th Inning, Norfolk

August 29th – Tides Stadium, 9th Inning, Norfolk

August 30th – American Music Festival, 10:30pm



Beach Checklist

With the warm weather here, a visit to the beach is inevitable! Use this checklist to ensure you bring all the necessary items.

1. Waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher
2. At least 2 towels per person
3. Beach cover-ups/t-shirts
4. Lip balm with sunscreen
5. Sunglasses
6. Body lotion (be sure to rehydrate you skin after the salt water exposure)
7. Extra swimsuit
8. Insect repellent
9. Plenty of water – stay hydrated
10. Toys for the kids (buckets, inflatable beach ball, etc.)
11. Large beach bag to contain all items
12. Books or games such as Sudoku – feel free to use the puzzle provided below!!!
13. Relax and enjoy!

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Get your charcoal or your propane tanks ready. This recipe will sure to have you grilling non-stop this summer!

Summer's Best Grilled Burgers

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 11 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 (4 ½ ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 ½ pounds lean ground beef

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the cheese, mushrooms, mayo and bacon.
2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
3. In another bowl, combine onion, salt, garlic powder and red pepper flakes.
4. Add ground beef and mix well.
5. Shape the mixture into patties. Recipe yields 6 (1/2in) thick patties.
6. Grill, covered over medium-hot heat for 4-5 minutes on each side.
7. Spoon cheese mixture on top of each burger.
8. Grill until cheese begins to melt.
9. Serve on warm hamburger buns with toppings if desired.

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