



**St. Cloud Fireworks
Committee**

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Fireworks 4TH of JULY

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Press Release

St. Cloud July 4th Fireworks Committee names Stearns Bank as 2019 Honorary Fireworks Commissioner
The St. Cloud Fireworks Committee today named Stearns Bank as the 2019 Honorary July 4th Fireworks Commissioner.

The Honorary Fireworks Commissioner title recognizes area businesses, residents and organizations who embrace the importance of America's Independence Day by helping make possible one of the largest July 4th pyrotechnic displays and celebrations in the upper Midwest.

Honorary Fireworks Commissioners have the honor of pushing the button that begins the pyrotechnics on July 4th. They also represent the Fireworks Committee by riding on the St. Cloud Fire Department's antique Ahrens Fox Firetruck in the Granite City Days parade on June 29th this year.

"We are very pleased to honor Stearns Bank as Honorary Fireworks Commissioner this year. Stearns bank has a long history of supporting the July 4th Fireworks and many other community and other causes", said Jason Bernick, St. Cloud Fireworks Board Chairman.

The St. Cloud Area July 4th Fireworks are a great tradition on Independence Day for all of us each year to celebrate our freedom and this wonderful fireworks display" said Steve Domine, Stearns Bank President of Minnesota Community Banking. "Stearns Bank is deeply committed to supporting and bettering our communities. It's amazing to see all the organizations and individuals who have worked tirelessly over the years to help put these great fireworks displays together through their donations and volunteer work.

"Stearns Bank is dedicated to many community and charitable works and does so much for so many, it is inspiring," Tom Richardson, Fireworks Committee Board President and Fireworks Commissioner said. "The St. Cloud Area Fireworks, and the community, is fortunate to have the longstanding support of Stearns Bank."

2019 marks the 73rd consecutive year for St. Cloud's Fireworks celebration. Fireworks are scheduled for 10:00 pm July 4th. The St. Cloud Municipal Band plays their annual July 4th Concert in Hester Park beginning at 8:30 pm. There will be fun and educational activities for kids of all ages, and food vendors in both Hester and Wilson Parks starting at 2:00 PM.

About the St. Cloud Fireworks Committee:

The St. Cloud Area July 4th Fireworks and Celebration are organized and sponsored by the St. Cloud Fireworks Committee, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. 2019 is the 73rd consecutive year for Fireworks in St. Cloud, the longest running and largest attended event in the St. Cloud area. The Fireworks Display is funded entirely by donations and contributions from area businesses, organizations and individuals. Learn more at www.stcloudfireworks.org

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