

FRIENDS OF THE FOURTH

2009 will be the first year that our annual 4th of July celebrations will not be sponsored by the Village of Riverside. During budget deliberations, our Village Board was forced to eliminate all non-revenue producing expenses in order to balance the budget for fiscal year 2009 and expects these cuts to become permanent.

Today, we are happy to say that a group of residents are taking up the call to try to "SAVE THE FOURTH" and we are asking for your help. We are sending this e-mail to as many residents in the Village as we can and asking them to help us raise the money to continue our annual July 4th tradition. Many of us have lived in this Village for years and are fortunate enough that our grown children still come home for this fantastic celebration.

We are trying to continue this tradition, but the cost to the Village for this weekend runs \$30,000.00, which now has to be raised by public donations. The scope of our celebration will be dictated by the amount that is generated by donations from our residents, organizations, and businesses. We are aiming for the stars!!!!

Please contemplate on what these celebrations are worth to you and your family and please donate what you can comfortably afford. We are asking that you send your donation to the below address and please include your e-mail address so you can be kept informed of the progress of our fund raising effort. Please make your check payable to Riverside Friends of the Fourth.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Ballerine, Andy Daun, Danny Jisa, JoAnne Kosey, Rey Navarro, Ben Sells

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PS. Please pass this along to any resident that you believe is interested.

PPS. Join our Facebook group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=67209000844>