

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Hello Neighbour,

*We are having a birthday party on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and around 9-930pm we would like to let off some fireworks. This just a few days earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup> – the allowed day per the township bylaw. We have requested a Fireworks . By-Law Exemption from the Township of Wilmot. The exemption will be considered by the Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement and will be going to council for approval. Please contact Erin Merritt, Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement at 519-634-8519 Extension 9257 or at [erin.merrit@wilmot.ca](mailto:erin.merrit@wilmot.ca) as soon as possible if you have any concerns.”*

## Erin Merritt

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**From:** Mark Metcalfe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 1:25 PM  
**To:** Erin Merritt  
**Cc:** Julie Truong  
**Subject:** RE: Illegal Fireworks in Mannheim  
**Attachments:** Wilmot Fireworks 28 June Exemption Request.pdf

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Hi Erin, I trust that this finds you well.

It has been pretty quiet around here for the past couple of years wrt fireworks – people seem to be learning ..... maybe ..... Hopefully. Thanks for your support and help in that.

We lost our dog Sprocket, who was very sensitive to the noise, on Canada Day last year so we are not quite as sensitive to the issue as we were. We do have a new puppy, Jasper, but so far he doesn't seem to mind – we tell him it's the garbage truck and he loves the garbage truck. We will see.

We received the attached in our mailbox and have the following comments:

- While providing this shows some degree of consideration, it is not signed so we don't know who it is or where they live – which in the end doesn't particularly matter.
- We do not know if the subject of the birthday party is our neighbor or a friend or relative of our neighbor who is hoping that illegal fireworks is tolerated better in Wilmot than wherever they live - – which in the end doesn't particularly matter.
- What matters is that most people have birthdays that fall on a day that, in Wilmot, does not allow fireworks.
  - The fact that their requested day of exemption falls only 2 days away from a day legally allowing fireworks is irrelevant.
  - To allow this exemption would set a precedent that would open up every day of the year to fireworks.
  - Based on the fact that their requested day of exemption falls only 2 days away from a day legally allowing fireworks, if they want fireworks so badly why don't they change the date of their party to a day legally allowing fireworks?

Based on the above, we do not support this request.

Best Regards

Mark Metcalfe  
[REDACTED]

**Mark Metcalfe, P. Eng.**  
*Project Manager, Heavy Lift Division*

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**From:** Bev Spere [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 3:48 PM  
**To:** Erin Merritt  
**Subject:** fireworks exemption, June 28, 2025

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hello- hard to refuse a request to celebrate a birthday. It would be helpful to know where this event is taking place. Even if it were next door to me, it would be very mean spirited to object- but nice to know if I will get to enjoy the show!

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**From:** Doug Heaman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 5:04 PM  
**To:** Erin Merritt  
**Subject:** Fireworks exemption

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Dear Erin

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing regarding the special exemption application for fireworks submitted by my neighbour in Mannheim.

While I respect my neighbor's right to apply for such an exemption, I would like to respectfully express my concerns about granting approval for this request.

My concerns include:

- **Safety:** Even with precautions, fireworks present fire hazards, particularly in our [describe your area - e.g., "densely populated neighborhood" or "area prone to dry conditions"]
- **Noise pollution:** The loud noises can be distressing for household pets, wildlife, veterans with PTSD, and other sensitive community members
- **Air quality:** The smoke and particulate matter released can negatively impact those with respiratory conditions
- **Precedent:** Approving this exemption may lead to multiple similar requests, potentially diminishing the effectiveness of our existing regulations

I understand that special occasions are important to celebrate, and I value being part of a community that respects diverse traditions. However, I believe that the potential risks and disruptions outweigh the benefits in this particular case.

I appreciate your consideration of these concerns as you review

Doug Heaman  
[REDACTED]