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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Bethel Park "Summer Spectacular" Saturday, June 26

Bethel Park, PA – Bethel Park's "Summer Spectacular" is scheduled for Saturday, June 26 with parking lots opening at 7 p.m. and a fireworks display setting off at 9:40 p.m. The traditional event was canceled last year due to COVID.

Normally held at the Municipality's Millennium Park, this year's program will feature designated parking areas throughout the community to better spread-out guests.

"We came up with the concept of decentralizing the event to keep guests comfortable and safe, but we found that by having disbursed viewing areas, we'll actually enable more people to see the display. So from that aspect, it turned out to be quite positive," said Bethel Park Manager Laurence Christian.

Parking areas for the Spectacular include Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, Hamilton Presbyterian Church, Bethel Park Shop 'n Save, Lowes, Giant Eagle/Walmart Lot Rt. 88, Hillcrest Shopping Center (*do not park by Bruster's*), and St. Germaine Church.

"We're very grateful for these businesses approving use of their lots for the program," said Christian. "They saw what we wanted to do for the residents, and they were happy to assist us. We couldn't have held the event without their help."

And, according to Christian, residents are in store for a much bigger display this year as compared to those in the past.

"This year's show by Celebration Fireworks will be about 25-minutes long and be much bigger than in previous years. And, because we'll have Millennium Park closed for the event, we'll be able to shoot the fireworks a bit higher so that more people will be able to see them," said Christian.

Refreshments will be sold in some parking locations. Guests are asked to watch the Municipality's website at <u>www.bethelpark.net</u> or its Facebook page, "Municipality of Bethel Park," for refreshment location updates.

"We really want everyone to enjoy the show," said Christian. "This is one of the bigger events that we're doing as we emerge form the dark days of the pandemic and we're looking forward to holding such a positive program that will hopefully bring joy to our residents of all ages!"

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held the following day – Sunday, June 27, same time. Municipal representatives will be on hand at each parking site.