

**Release On behalf of:
The Joliet July Fourth Celebration Inc. Committee**

Media Release

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Joliet Attractions & Businesses Combine Efforts for One Big Fireworks Event!

Saturday, July 4, 2010 at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

The Joliet July Fourth Celebration Inc. Committee is excited to combine efforts with Joliet Downtown and Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park in order to expand Joliet's Independence Day fireworks tradition with a new date and many new activities too!

The Joliet July Fourth Celebration Inc. Committee made the decision to combine the July 4th fireworks event, traditionally located at Memorial Stadium, with the July 3rd fireworks event at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park. Mirroring the difficult decisions of other area communities to cut back, Joliet recognizes the current economic climate as the primary reason for combining the efforts of both events. Advanced polling and studies by the Joliet July Fourth Celebration Inc. Committee has determined sponsorship difficulty for the pending events. The committee felt it would be more effective to join both events' efforts to produce a more successful celebration for the City of Joliet. "We felt it was best to pool our resources and give the city one spectacular July 4th celebration," stated Russ Slinkard, Joliet Chamber of Commerce.

The Joliet July Fourth Celebration Inc. Committee and Joliet Downtown are excited to begin the planning process in partnership with Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park to relocate and combine Joliet's July 4th fireworks display into one huge event! "We feel this is an amazing opportunity for Downtown Joliet, the area restaurants and entertainment venues," stated Tom Mahalik, VP Joliet City Center Partnership.

"Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park has always enjoyed hosting the July 3rd festivities in the past, and welcomes the opportunity to showcase the beauty of fireworks, entertainment and food in the park to many more this coming Independence Day," stated representatives from Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park.

The committee is currently planning the event that will offer free entertainment, kid's activities and more, as well as tons of great food options! The committee is also in the process of soliciting sponsorships for Joliet's July 4th Fireworks Celebration, with more information to come on how the community can get involved.

The Joliet July Fourth Celebration Inc. Committee is made up of representatives from: The Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, Joliet City Center Partnership LLC., Joliet

Park District, Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park, Harris Bank, the Joliet JackHammers, Harrah's Joliet Hotel & Casino, the City of Joliet, and select volunteers. The Committee works independently to plan and produce a spectacular July 4th event for the City of Joliet.

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