

CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION

2026 Fireworks

Thank You to our volunteers that helped make the fireworks show a success in 2026! A threat of rain on the planned day for the show caused a delay to Sunday, July 5th. The postponement was disruptive to holiday weekend plans but was necessary to protect reliability of the fireworks and safety of those working at the site during the show.

A few weeks prior to the show, the mortar boxes that needed repair were picked up by Al Russell who replaced the boards that were broken. This was necessary to restore the structural strength of the mortar boxes. About a week prior to the show, a crew of seven helped with loading up the mortar boxes from storage at Jelinek's Well Drilling.

Due to postponement of the show, all setup was completed on Sunday, the day of the show. That morning the mortar boxes were positioned on the O'Melia/Skipper family lot by the crew shown below. They did the heavy lifting of the boxes and secured them to the ground with rebar.



Earlier Dave Feemster had driven his truck and trailer along with Jack Geisel, Jeff Peterson and Mark Mergenthaler to pick up the fireworks from a storage building in Elcho. On Sunday afternoon, the fireworks were loaded into the mortar tubes and wired to the firing modules. There were approximately 90 wiring connections made to the modules. We had a nice size crew show up for loading and wiring on a warm afternoon. After providing instructions on the safe procedure for handling shells and loading them into the mortars, the crew quickly got to work.



The evening of the show was warm with light easterly winds. Much more debris than expected came down from the fireworks on properties to the northwest of the site. This will need attention to prevent reoccurrence as the significant amount of fireworks debris in yards was unacceptable. Also, a boat lift canopy was damaged. Otherwise, the show went as planned with all shells firing as expected. Sue Binder and Donna Stone provided these photos:



The cleanup crew had the important responsibility to return the site back to its original condition. Several large garbage bags of debris were picked up and the mortars were loaded onto a trailer. The cleanup crew was about half as many as other years and it took longer to finish. The volunteers are shown below.



Special thanks to the O'Melia and Skipper families for allowing us to use their lot for the fireworks show. I appreciate the help provided by Al Russell to repair the damaged mortar boxes in the weeks prior to the show. Thanks to Dave Feemster for driving his enclosed trailer to pick up the fireworks and later hauling the debris to the Oneida County Landfill. Thank you to Tim Kilgore and the Karls for use of their trailers for the week before the show. Thank you to Jeff Peterson and Tim Kilgore for providing use of their garages to store the equipment for the week. The fireworks wouldn't be safe without the fire protection provided by Keven Mahner and the Crescent Volunteer Fire Department during the show. The Star-Spangled Banner was provided by the Crescent Lake Bible Camp – thank you!

Thank you to those who made a donation to support the fireworks show. The cost of the fireworks is fully funded by your donations.

The show was also a success because of the outstanding equipment and planning provided in prior years by Larry McKittrick and his son, Scott.

Thank You Volunteers!