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# **Independence Day Highlights**

2021 Parade Theme: Honoring Service 2020 Grand Marshall: Ishpeming VFW Post 4573 2021 Grand Marshall: UP Health Systems Bell Frontline Employees

#### VFW POST 4573 Celebrating 75 years

The Ishpeming VFW was chartered on Oct. 20, 1945. To be eligible for membership a veteran has to have served overseas during a war. Congress controls who is eligible - we go by the ribbons (or medals) that were earned & listed on their DD-214. All of the WWII vets have died - we do have a few Korean War vets still.

The Ishpeming VFW is named the Martin J. Lassila Post 4573, after one the men from Ishpeming killed in WWII.

We built the new post in 1972. We were once up to 400 members - now have about 100 members.

#### Daryl Champion Children's Bike Parade

Kids of all ages decorate your bikes and meet at corner of Bank and Main Street at 9:30am before parade start.

# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - JUNE 25 - GOLF OUTING - 10:00 AM - Ishpeming 4<sup>th</sup> of July Golf Outing, Wawonowin. To sign up or with questions, slnelson70@gmail.com or mariuj@charter.net

JULY 1 - 3 - 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Ishpeming Alumni Softball Tournament, Brackets are posted on ishpeming4th.com or on our Facebook page.

JULY 2-4<sup>TH</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Westwood Alumni Softball Tournament, Brackets are posted on "Westwood Alumni Softball" on Facebook

## Please pack your cooler responsibly NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE. **Enjoy your Picnic!**

#### **UP Health Systems Bell Frontline Workers**

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"In my role as CEO of UP Health System - Bell, I have the privilege of working with an incredible team of healthcare heroes who work tirelessly every day to make our hospital and our community a better place through their service to our friends and neighbors.

I am grateful for the more than 300 team members who serve at UP Health System – Bell who play a critical role in helping our community get the high-quality patient care they need.

When I think of everyday heroes, I think of our environmental services team members, our foodservice and nutrition staff, administrative team members, EMS partners, and our dedicated caregivers, technicians, clinicians, nurses, physicians, and more who demonstrate excellence and compassion in all that they do.

Our local healthcare heroes are truly living out our hospital's mission to make our community healthier. Importantly, their focus and dedication during the pandemic have played a critical role in helping us to make strong progress towards improving the safety and health of our community."

– Mitch Leckelt, CEO, UP Health System – Bell

#### SATURDAY, JULY 3

7:30-8:30 AM	Firework 5K Run/1K Walk	
	Al Quaal Recreation Area	
9:30 AM	Daryl Champion Kids Parade,	
	Bank and Main Street	
10:30 AM	Ishpeming 4th of July Parade,	
	Downtown Ishpeming	

#### **Community Picnic, Al Quaal Recreation Area**

NOON - 7:00 PM Food Vendors

1:00 - 10:00 PM	LIVE MUSIC featuring
	Tony Saari,
	Daydreamers & more!
1:00 - 4:40 PM	Alumni Softball Finals
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## Golf Fundraiser Tee's off 4th of July Activities

The annual Fireworks fundraiser golf outing is being held at Wawonowin Country Club Friday June 25th. Event includes special holes, games and challenges. It's a four person scramble with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. To sign up or get more information contact Steve Nelson, slnelson70@gmail.com or Jane Mariuzza, mariuj@ charter.net

## 42nd ANNUAL PARADE

This 4th of July Parade will begin at 10:30 on SATURDAY, JULY 3. It will proceed from Empire on Third Street to Hematite, west on Hematite to Main, south on Main to Division and east on Division ending at the High School. The parade expects to have over 100 units with over 1000 participants. Registration forms can be found on our Facebook page: Ishpeming Fourth of July, the Chamber of Commerce or by emailing ishpeming4th@gmail.com or trodda@bankmbank.com Any changes to the parade route due to road construction will be posted on our Facebook page prior to the parade.

# PARADE STREET CLOSINGS

Residents who live on Park, Wabash, Maurice, Michigan, Empire, Third, Fifth and Seventh Streets be aware that when the parade lines up on the morning of July 4th those streets will be closed to traffic. Any changes to the parade route due to road construction will be posted on our Facebook page prior to the parade.

# FIREWORKS SAFETY

The City of Ishpeming Parks & Recreation Committee asks spectators not to engage in lighting off personal fireworks at Al Quaal. Thank you for your cooperation!

## THANK YOU!

For the past 40+ years, the success of 4th of July activities in Ishpeming has relied on the generosity of residents and businesses making donations to help pay for fireworks, parade bands, kids activities, etc. We thank you in advance for your continued support. A list of donors names can be found on our Ishpeming-4th-of-July Facebook page.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Ishpeming 4th of July Committee is looking for community members to join the committee as well as volunteers to help on July 3rd. For more information and to sign up to volunteer email - ishpeming4th@ gmail.com or call 906-486-1111. Without additional Committee members this could be the last Ishpeming 4th of July Community Celebration. Please think about donating your time to keep this long standing Ishpeming tradition going!

# **COVID GUIDELINES**

All City of Ishpeming and State of Michigan COVID-19 Guidelines will be enforced at all Fourth of July events. This may include social distancing, masks if unvaccinated, sanitizing and group limitations. We appreciate you following all posted rules and listening to volunteers and committee members. We are all doing our best to keep our community safe.

## Al Quaal Closed to Motorized Vehicles July 3

Al Quaal recreation area will be open to foot traffic only on July 3rd. Beginning at 8:00 PM, the Birchview parking lot will be available for handicap parking only, for the fireworks display.

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