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Darien Fireworks Organizers Expect to Decide Early A.M. Saturday Whether the Weather Will Postpone Event

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UPDATE, Saturday — It's been postponed [till Sunday night](#).

For days, weather forecasts have said thunderstorms are possible in the area on Saturday and Saturday night, July 6, when Darien's fireworks display is scheduled. Now organizers are saying a decision about the weather will be made before 9 a.m., Saturday.

UPDATE, 7:13 p.m. — Greenwich has postponed its fireworks display from Saturday night to Sunday night (for more on that, see below).

Jami Gore, recreation program supervisor for the town Parks & Recreation Department, sent out an email at

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5:44 p.m., Friday to discuss the weather reports and the decision on whether or not to postpone the fireworks to the Sunday, July 7 rain date.

Gore wrote:

- We just wanted to send out a heads up regarding a possible postponement of the Darien Fireworks tomorrow evening. As some of you may be aware, there are concerns regarding the weather for tomorrow night.
- The forecasts we have received are conflicting and sitting around 50% chance for thunderstorms. Therefore, we are going to hold off until tomorrow morning to make a decision as to whether to postpone.
- You will hear from me by 9:00am as to whether we are moving forward with tomorrow night or pushing to the rain date on Sunday. All timing and logistics remain the same if we push to Sunday.
- Thank you for your patience and support as we try to make the best decision for the event.

Here's the National Weather Service forecast for Darien (as of 5:56 p.m., Friday), from Friday night through Sunday night:

Tonight

A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9pm. Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 74. South wind 3 to 7 mph.

Saturday

Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could produce gusty winds and heavy rain. Patchy fog before 9am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday Night

Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 10 p.m. Some of the storms could produce gusty winds and heavy rain. Cloudy, with a low around 70. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming north after midnight. Chance of

precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Sunday

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. North wind around 9 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Sunday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Southeast wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

The weather service also issued [a Hazardous Weather Outlook](#) for the region, which said (as of 5:36 p.m., Friday) that from Saturday through Thursday:

There is a threat for isolated strong to severe thunderstorms Saturday afternoon into evening ahead of and along an approaching cold front. Strong to damaging wind gusts and flash flooding will be the main threats with this activity.

Postponed in Greenwich

From [an article](#) published Friday afternoon by *GreenwichFreePress.com*:

Because of the National Weather Service forecast for severe thunderstorms on Saturday evening (July 6, 2019), the fireworks displays are now scheduled for Sunday, July 7, 2019.

“It is with an abundance of caution and concern for the safety of the thousands of Greenwich residents who attend each fireworks show that we have made the decision to postpone the shows until Sunday,” Parks & Rec Director Joe Siciliano.

“The decision was made during a meeting of my staff with emergency service departments including the Greenwich Police and Greenwich Fire departments, and in consultation with Emergency Management Director Dan Warzoha,” Siciliano added.