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Rock River Holiday Boating Restrictions

Effective from 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, until the completion of the fireworks display in downtown Rockford, the Rock River will be "CLOSED" south of the Chestnut Street Bridge to the Fordham Dam and from the Morgan Street Bridge north to the Fordham Dam for the public's safety. We will also be enforcing a temporary "No Wake" Zone from the Auburn Street Bridge south to the Fordham Dam during this same period.

The Sheriff's Department will have a patrol presence on the Rock River during the Holiday weekend. Anyone with questions can contact the Sheriff's Department River Patrol at (815) 391-0490. Non-Emergency calls for service should be directed through the 911 Communications Center at (815) 282-2600. If you have an emergency please call 911.

The Sheriff's Department would like to remind all boaters to operate their watercrafts in a safe manner over the holiday. As always, caution should be exercised in all areas when using the River. Limit alcohol consumption and be aware of others enjoying the River.

For current River conditions and any further updates, contact the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office at (815) 319-6300 or the Rock River Information Line at (815) 319-6444.

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