

Fourth of July Week in Fredericksburg Filled With Family-Fun Activities

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Since [July 4th](#) falls on a Wednesday in 2018, Fredericksburg will celebrate with 10 days of activities for all ages. Here are a few of the events planned from Friday, June 29 to Sunday, July 8.

- **Catch the final weekend performances of “The Music Man”** as the Fredericksburg Theater Company closes out its summer musical production at the Steve W. Shepherd Theater. [Reserve your seats](#) for the six-time Tony Award-winning musical that follows fast-talking salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30, followed by a 2:00 p.m. showing on Sunday, July 1.
- **Watch Movies Under the Stars at the LBJ Ranch** on Saturday, June 30. This fun-filled night on the LBJ Ranch starts with gates opening at 7:00 p.m. and will be just like friends of the Johnsons experienced in the 60s and 70s. [“Yellow Submarine”](#) will be projected on an outdoor screen and those attending are asked to bring their own choice of seating, food and drinks.
- **Sing Along with the Beach Boys Tribute Show at Rockbox Theater** on Saturday, June 30. SURFIN’ The Beach Boys Tribute sings America’s enduring soundtrack with shows at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at [Rockbox Theater](#). The band is a faithful recreation of what it would have been like to see The Beach Boys live, in concert, in their prime.
- **Experience the Fredericksburg Summer Farmers Market** with local fruits, vegetables, meats, Gulf seafood, cheese, bread, wood-fired pizza, locally roasted coffee drinks, local wine made with 100% Texas grapes and prepared food on Thursday, July 5, in the [Kinderhalle Pavilion at Marktplatz](#) from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Attend the Nightly Bat Emergence at Old Tunnel State Park** every evening at dusk. From May through October, up to 3 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerge from an abandoned railroad tunnel at [Old Tunnel State Park](#). Thursday through Sunday, be one of the first 70 visitors and get to watch from the lower viewing area for \$5 per person. Upper viewing area is limited to 250 visitors and is free.
- **Drink Texas Wine during the Reds, Whites & Blues Celebration** at Lost Draw Cellars on Saturday, July 1. This [fourth annual Independence Day Celebration](#) will feature new wine releases and blues music with Ben Beckendorf as well as hot dogs from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Deck the kids out in their finest Fourth of July gear** and kick off the Fourth of July festivities on Wednesday, July 4, at 8:30 a.m. during the annual July Fourth Kiddie Parade at Marktplatz featuring bicycles, pets, wagons and of course, kiddos decked out in red, white and blue! After the kiddie parade, grab a spot on Main Street or attend a viewing party at [Vaudeville](#) or [Pontotoc Weingarten](#) for the [July Fourth Community Parade](#) which kicks off at 10:00 a.m. After the parade, a special Patriotic Program will take place at Marktplatz.
- **After shopping Main Street, cool off with a sweet treat**, like delicious peach ice cream or an old-fashioned coke float at [Clear River Ice Cream and Bakery](#) on Main Street. Clear River boasts more than 30 ice cream flavors available each day- so pace yourself!
- **Enjoy a number of special events** throughout [Independence Day](#):
 - Sample chili, enjoy entertaining chili cook showmanship, wine tasting and live music during the [July 4th Chili Cookoff at Becker Vineyards](#) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Enjoy a day of fun in Luckenbach Texas from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a Classic Car Parade, Lucken Pong and Washer Pitchin with live music by Paul Cauthen, the Peterson Brothers and the Chubby Knuckle Choir and more during the [4th of July Celebration in Luckenbach Texas](#).
- **Wrap up July 4th** with the annual [July Fourth fireworks show](#) at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park at around 9:30 p.m. Spread out your blankets on the grass, enjoy your snacks and drinks and watch the starry Texas Hill Country sky burst with color inside the park or attend a viewing party at the [Gillespie County Airport](#) or the [Wrede Historic Country School](#).
- **View world-class art during the First Friday Art Walk on Friday, July 5.** [Participating fine art galleries](#) will remain open until 8:00 p.m., so that visitors can have time to visit the various events and exhibits planned throughout the day and enjoy local refreshments.
- **Cheer for the ponies at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds** during the [live pari-mutuel quarter horse and thoroughbred races](#) on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8. Nibble on local eats and enjoy the shaded stands while watching thoroughbred horse racing during the summer 2018 horse racing season debut at “Gillespie Downs”- the Gillespie County Race Track. Parents can even grab a cold one and place a few bets for their favorites, while everyone is sure to admire the horses as they thunder down the track. The family-friendly Gillespie County Race Track opens at 11:00 a.m. and post times begin at 1:00 p.m. *Insider Tip: Skip the line by purchasing [tickets online](#).*

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg! For a full line-up of events this Fourth of July, [click here](#).

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