

**SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC IMPACTS EXPECTED

Golden Gate Bridge Closure • Dual Fireworks Displays • Independence Day Parade

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**TRAFFIC ALERT - Update 6/23/26****July 4, 2026****Southbound US-101 will be CLOSED at the Spencer Ave exit and all southbound exits to GGB.****There will be NO southbound bridge access through Sausalito during the closure window (approx. 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM).**

Northbound US-101 remains OPEN. Reopening will be gradual, expect delays before, during, and well after closure.

SAUSALITO, CA — The Sausalito Police Department, in coordination with the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, is advising all visitors, residents, and motorists to plan ahead for significant traffic impacts throughout the City of Sausalito and the US-101 corridor on **July 4, 2026**.

This year's Independence Day marks the **250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America**, and Sausalito is proud to be part of this historic national celebration. We warmly welcome visitors to our community and encourage everyone to come, stay a while, and enjoy the festivities. We ask only that all visitors and motorists plan carefully and arrive prepared for the possibility of extended traffic delays. Follow Caltrans for info and roadway conditions. <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

WHAT TO EXPECT — EVENTS & IMPACTS

TIME	EVENT	TRAFFIC IMPACT
10:00 AM	Sausalito Independence Day Parade	Bridgeway, Caledonia St., and downtown closed to vehicles. Delays for all incoming traffic from 10:00 AM until approximately 1:00 PM.
All Day	Dunphy Park Picnic & Festivities	Heavy pedestrian traffic. Parking will be at capacity throughout downtown and the waterfront from mid-morning.
~9:00 PM	Sausalito Fireworks Gabrielsen Park / Spinnaker Point	Fireworks display off the Sausalito Spinnaker Point. All surrounding viewpoints will attract large crowds. Heavy congestion throughout the evening.
~9:30 PM	15 min GGB Fireworks Display	Second fireworks display on Golden Gate Bridge. Dual events create two major crowd concentrations in close proximity.

9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	US-101 / GGB CLOSURE	S/B 101 CLOSED at Spencer Ave. All traffic re-routed back to N/B 101 from Spencer Ave. NO bridge access through Sausalito. N/B 101 remains open. Gradual reopening, expect delays until after 10 PM.
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US-101 CLOSURE DETAILS

SOUTHBOUND US-101 — CLOSED

- Closure begins at approximately **9:00 PM**
- S/B 101 closed at the Spencer Ave exit.
- ALL southbound exits between Spencer and the Golden Gate Bridge approach closed (Spencer and Alexander)
- No access to Sausalito, Vista Point, or GGB toll plaza from southbound HWY101
- Estimated reopening approx. 10:00 PM — gradual reopening means delays.

NORTHBOUND US-101 — STAYS OPEN

- **Northbound traffic continues to flow during the closure window**
- Motorists heading north through Sausalito not impacted by the bridge closure
- Note: heavy surface street congestion throughout Sausalito will affect all directions of travel



PLAN AHEAD — ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION & TIPS



GOLDEN GATE FERRY

RECOMMENDED

- SF Ferry Building → Sausalito Ferry Terminal
- Walk directly to both fireworks venues from the terminal
- The best way to experience July 4th in Sausalito — arrive relaxed, leave relaxed



MARIN & GG TRANSIT / BUS

- Routes from Marin City Transit Hub
- Park at Marin City and take transit in
- Check marintransit.org or goldengate.org for July 4th schedule
- Rideshare pickups will be significantly delayed post-fireworks — budget extra wait time



IF YOU MUST DRIVE

- Arrive before 9:00 AM OR depart after midnight
- Park once and walk — no parking available after 10:00 AM
- Avoid S/B 101 toward GGB after 8:00 PM — use Richmond-San Rafael Bridge or Ferry service as alternate
- After fireworks: stay, dine, wait 2–3+ hours for traffic to clear
- Monitor Nixle & Caltrans



Come Early. Stay Late. Celebrate America's 250th.

Sausalito welcomes you to one of the most spectacular Independence Day celebrations in the Bay Area.

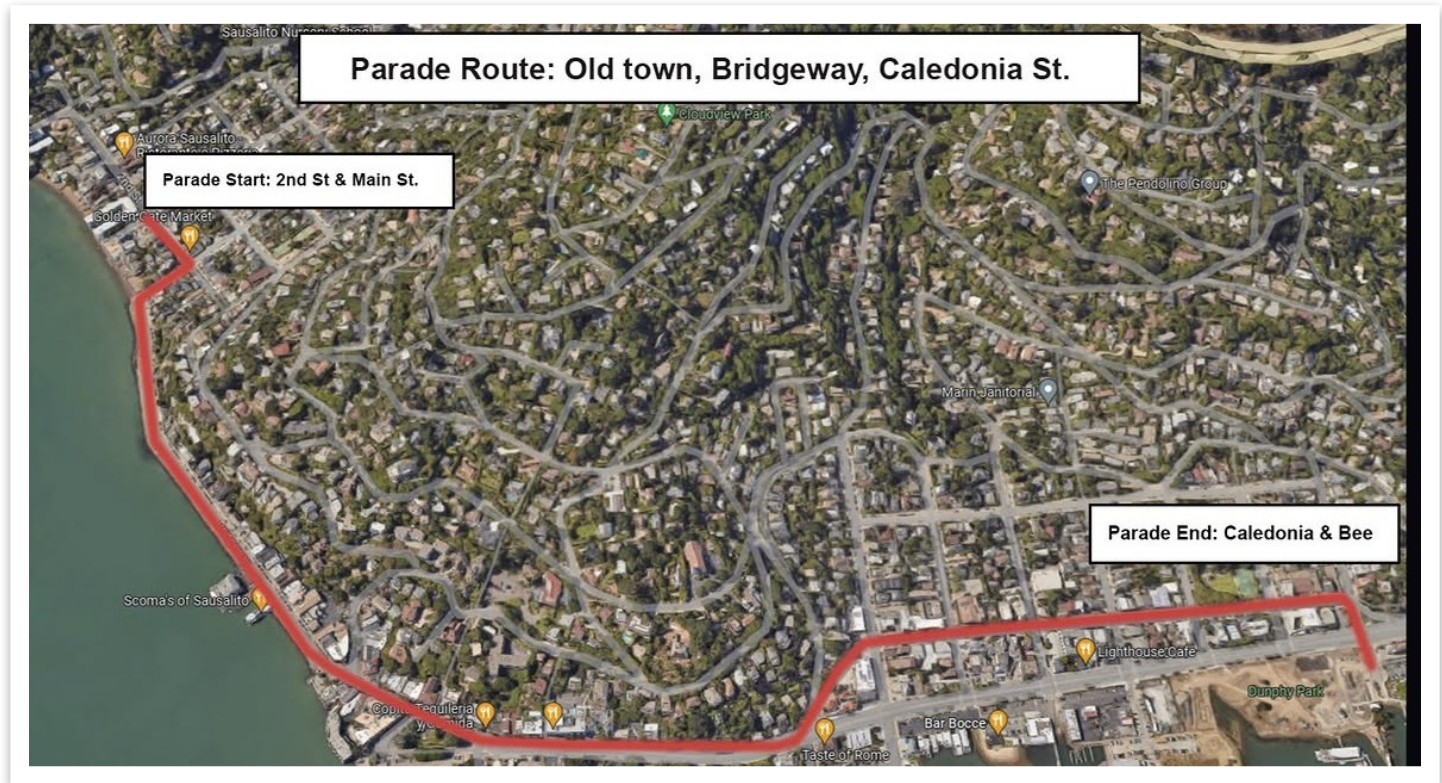
Two fireworks displays • A beloved hometown parade • A waterfront community that knows how to celebrate.



For More Information:

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Sausalito July 4th Parade Map 10am-1pm



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