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**Subject:** Fireworks

I wish to express my concern about the excessive use of fireworks in St. Marys during holiday weekends. I can also say that I speak for a large number of fellow citizens in expressing this concern.

Fireworks are heard in town beginning as early as the Thursday prior to the long weekend. The noise is disturbing to many people and doubtless to those that work shifts, small children that are put to bed early and the many domestic pets which suffer anxiety from the hours of noise. Additionally, many do not adhere to the 11 p.m. time limit and continue to set these things off near midnight and beyond.

This activity occurs during the peak nesting season for birds and the stress on these wild creatures cannot be underestimated. There have been recorded incidents of thousands of birds falling dead from the sky during such events in the U.S. when flocks were frightened into flight.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/04/us/04beebe.html>

Why does St. Marys allow 3 nights of such behaviour when other municipalities have either banned or confined the activity to a single night?

Please revisit the bylaw of 2011 and let peace return to summer evenings in St. Marys.

Thank you,

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