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## Annual 4th of July event offers music, fun and food for families

John B., All For One, and the late Gerald Levert.

Currently, Troy "Lazerus" Powell performs as a solo-artist with his band "2 Hipnotic" at colleges and universities across the United States. He also performs at clubs around the country, such as Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Biloxi and the Republic in New Orleans. In addition to singing, Laz speaks fluent Chinese and Indonesian languages. The band plays a unique blend of music from James Brown to Bruno Mars and from Wilson Pickett to Prince.

Kicking off the event at 5 p.m. will be Jackson-area and Malaco Music artist Chad Wesley.

Wesley is one of the newest artists on the label of Old Trace Records via Malaco Music Group of Jackson. The 32-year-old blues-rock singer-guitarist is billed as one of Mississippi's fastest rising stars. He will present a high-energy show and a blend of soulful music that organizers say will keep festival-goers on their feet.

Though recently signing with Old Trace/Malaco, Wesley has been a staple in the southeastern music circuit for the last ten years, frequenting many live music venues, festivals and concert stages and opening for major acts such as George Clinton at the Mississippi Coliseum, Eric Johnson, Drivin' n' Cryin, and just recently Cowboy Mouth at Duling Hall in The Fondren District of Mid-Town Jackson. His new album, *#bluezy*, is set to release this summer, with the lead single, "Shake," dropping this month. For those wanting a preview

of the July 4th show, Wesley's music can be heard in apps such as Apple Music, Spotify, GooglePlay, Amazon Music and Shazam.

When gates open at 4 p.m. for the main events, families will find numerous food vendors offering summertime and special treats. Space jumps, inflatables and kid-friendly games will occupy children ages four to eleven free of charge as families gather to see friends and neighbors, enjoy a relaxing summertime evening, and

celebrate the nation's independence.

Coolers are permitted to keep picnic foods chilled; but no alcohol is

dence and the democratic process ensured by our Constitution. And what better way to celebrate than at

Clinton's annual July Fourth Celebration at Traceway Park," said Mayor Phil Fisher.

The City of Clinton's Family Fireworks Extravaganza is a free event sponsored by the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department and local businesses. The celebration will include the Fireworks Extravaganza. Parking is \$10 per car.

**For more information or to register as a vendor, visit [www.clintonms.org/4th](http://www.clintonms.org/4th) or call Clinton Parks and Recreation at 601-924-6082.**

permitted, and no smoking is allowed. Attendees are encouraged to bring a tent and chairs to enjoy the celebration.

"Each Fourth of July, our community celebrates our nation's indepen-

## July 4th Extravaganza parking and traffic plans announced

*Special to The Clinton Courier*

Clinton Police have announced instructions for arriving, parking and departing Traceway Park for the 29th Annual Family Fireworks Extravaganza. Parking will open at 4 p.m. in parking lots accessible by Soccer Row. Once all spots are filled along Soccer Row, Cynthia Road from Arrow Drive to overflow parking next to Soccer Field 7 will be blocked to traffic.

Traceway's Baseball Alley will be open at 4 p.m. for those desiring to tailgate before the event in that section of the park.

Once the Soccer Row intersection with Cynthia Road has been closed, those arriving from Arrow Drive will be asked to make a left turn on Cynthia Road to turn around and proceed back down Arrow Drive to park at one of the schools along Arrow Drive. Ad-

ditional overflow parking will be available at the softball/baseball fields of Traceway Park for those arriving from Northside Drive.

No parking will be allowed on the shoulders of Northside Drive, Cynthia Road or Arrow Drive. Violations could result in ticketing or towing.

Parking in the Cascades subdivision will be restricted to residents and their guests. Parking on right of ways and common areas of Cascades could result in ticketing. Cascades homeowners will be provided four parking passes that will be good only on the Fourth of July. The entrance to Cascades will be limited to Cascades Circle West and Cascades Circle East and will be granted to those only with approved parking passes or valid identification verifying residency in Cascades. Waterfall Way and Twin Lakes North entrances

will be blocked and monitored by police.

Following the event, those exiting overflow parking on Cynthia Road and Baseball Alley will be directed toward Northside Drive. Those exiting Soccer Row will have the option of heading west on Arrow Drive or turning east (right) on Cynthia Road. No left turns onto Cynthia Road will be allowed from Soccer Row.

Parking for the event at all locations is \$10 per car, and the event itself is free. Parking at the schools along Arrow Drive will be managed by school groups and PTOs as a fundraiser for the schools.

Event gates will open at 4 p.m., with introductions and entertainment set to begin at 5 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a tent and chairs to enjoy the celebration.

For more information about parking, visit [www.clintonms.org/4th](http://www.clintonms.org/4th).

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