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Hamilton County to Bring Largest-Ever Drone Show to Downtown Chattanooga for America250 July 4 Celebration

In partnership with the City of Chattanooga, the free event will feature a world-class drone show and patriotic spectacle above the Tennessee River

HAMILTON COUNTY, TN (June 1, 2026) — Hamilton County, in partnership with the City of Chattanooga, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, and Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors, invites residents from across the community to celebrate Independence Day and America’s 250th anniversary with the largest drone show in local history on Saturday, July 4.

The free downtown celebration will feature a world-class 500-drone show above the Tennessee River in a choreographed patriotic performance unlike anything previously seen in the region. Produced by Full Spectrum and Pyro Shows, the drone performance will be created by nationally recognized teams behind productions for Disney, Dollywood, Riverbend, and events around the world. The event will also include a dramatic 1,000-foot pyro waterfall cascading from the Market Street Bridge, the largest display of its kind ever produced locally.

“We’re excited to bring families together on the riverfront for an unforgettable night that captures the spirit, patriotism, and optimism of America,” said **Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp**. “As our nation marks a historic milestone, we’re proud to welcome people from across our region for a celebration that honors our past and looks ahead to our future.”

United250 is designed to bring families and communities together from across Hamilton County for a shared July 4 experience in the heart of Chattanooga.

“Americans have developed a reputation over the last 250 years as a welcoming, industrious, and enterprising people — a nation of immigrants that cast off the tyranny of the old world, transforming from a camp of struggling colonists into a beacon of freedom for all of humanity by dedicating themselves to a Constitution that enshrined and protected the basic rights of our citizens,” said **Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly**. “As we celebrate our first 250 years and turn toward the next century, I ask that we take a moment to reflect on what distinguishes these United States from the despots our forefathers fled, and not fall prey to the voices of those who would divide us for their own gain.”

More information on viewing locations and free parking will be announced in the coming weeks.