

# CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION

## 2025 Fireworks

**Thank You** to our volunteers that helped make the fireworks show a success in 2025! It was a very warm 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend, and we appreciate all of you that helped with setup and cleanup.

About a week prior to the show, a crew of seven helped with loading up the mortar boxes from storage at Jelinek's Well Drilling. This was followed by repair of damaged mortar boxes by Jack Geisel. The following Thursday the mortar boxes were positioned on the O'Melia family lot by the crew is shown below.



### Mortar Tube Setup

This crew did the heavy lifting of the mortar tube boxes and secured them to the ground.

Early Friday morning Dave Feemster drove his truck and trailer along with Jack Geisel and Mark Mergenthaler to pick up the fireworks from a storage building in Elcho. That afternoon, the fireworks were loaded into the mortar tubes and wired to the firing modules. There were approximately 90 wiring connections made to the modules.

We had a good-sized crew come out to help with loading and wiring. We were a little concerned at first when many volunteers did not show up until later after the boat parade. And unfortunately, a group photo did not get

taken. However, special thanks to those that stayed nearly all afternoon in the stifling heat: Jim Binder, his son-in-law Travis Smith, Jack Geisel and his family, Mike Henry, Gary Spleha, Larry McKitrick, Scott McKitrick and Mark Aumann, among others. There were many others that helped with loading shells which really helped reduce the workload for wiring later. My apologies for missing recognition of some individuals.

The evening was warm and winds were light, which meant some fallout debris came down closer to shore than expected. Two 5-inch shells failed to fire due to a wiring issue and a cake box of small shells only partially fired because of a manufacturing defect. Otherwise, the show went off as planned. Jack Geisel was at the controls. Cheryl Edwards provided these photos.



The cleanup crew had the important responsibility to return the site back to its original condition. Several large garbage bags of debris were picked up and the mortars were loaded onto a trailer. The crew shown below made quick work of the cleanup!





Special thanks to the O'Melia family for allowing us to use their lot for the fireworks show. Thanks to Dave Feemster for driving his enclosed trailer for hauling the fireworks and later hauling the debris to the Oneida County Landfill. The Crescent Volunteer Fire Department provided protection during the show and disposed of the partially fired cake box of shells. The Star-Spangled Banner was provided by the Crescent Lake Bible Camp – thank you!

Thank you to those who made a donation to support the fireworks show. The cost of the fireworks is fully funded by your donations.

The show was also a success because of the outstanding equipment and planning provided in prior years by Larry McKittrick and his son, Scott. Thanks!

**Thank You Volunteers!**