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Auburn Hills Celebrates America's 250th Birthday

Auburn Hills, MI.—January 27, 2026—The City of Auburn Hills unveiled its plans to celebrate America's 250th birthday with a drone show to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 (rain date July 9) beginning at 9:00 p.m. with musical entertainment. It will also be this year's kick-off to the city's annual Summerfest weekend. The drone show will be held in two parts. The first segment, from 10:00 – 10:15 p.m. will showcase some of the city's greatest corporate citizens by displaying their logos 400' in the sky above the city's multi-sports athletic field, just south of University Drive and west of North Squirrel Road. At 10:15 p.m. musical entertainment will begin again and continue until 10:45 p.m. when a second show lights up the sky, featuring a 500-drone high-resolution patriotic tribute to America and to the men and women of the armed services.

"This will be a grand tribute to our country and an amazing opportunity for those who attend to view the show and celebrate this incredible milestone," said Eugene Hawkins III, mayor of Auburn Hills.

The presenting sponsor for the evening is Stellantis, whose logo will be featured at the opening of the show at 10:00 p.m., followed by the city's logo and the logos of several other companies in the city.

"We are proud that Firefly Drone Shows, a presenter of more than 200 drone shows annually across the country and located right here in Auburn Hills, Michigan, will be conducting the show," said City Manager Tom Tanghe.

More details can be found in the months ahead on social media regarding general admission to the show, specifically the availability of parking and seating, as well as in the spring on the city's website at auburnhills.org.

About Auburn Hills

The City of Auburn Hills is a distinguished leader in southeast Michigan, known not only for its 22 high-technology parks but also for having world-renowned retail, entertainment, and manufacturing. Home to more than 26,000 residents, it also serves as Michigan's global business address, with 80 international corporations from 32 countries, including many world and North American headquarters. Auburn Hills' residents enjoy the amenities of city and suburban living with parks, a revitalized downtown district, and a welcoming city complex with a library and community center. Additionally, the city has three colleges and universities, and Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, one of the state's largest destination shopping centers, providing a variety of cultural, social and educational opportunities to residents, workers, and visitors. Learn more at auburnhills.org.

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