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SHORE RADIO STATIONS ROCK FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

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There are some holidays that are just inextricably linked to being down the shore — Fourth of July is like Christmas and New Year's Eve here. Our local radio stations are no exception and make the most of this heart of the summer holiday.

The NJ101.5 FM van will be at Freehold Raceway on Friday, the Fourth of July. Listeners at www.NJ1015.com can click over to the Freehold Raceway site, where you can click again to watch live video streaming of the harness races. On July 6, look for the 101.5 van at the New Jersey State Fast Pitch Softball Championship, Woodfern Road, in Hillsborough; and from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Somerset Patriots game at Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater.

One busy van!

And, Big Joe Henry's Talent Show will go off as scheduled at Jenkinson's, Point Pleasant Beach, at 7 p.m. July 6. The talent show runs from June 22 through Aug. 31. If you have an interest in strutting your stuff, check out www.NJ1015.com, then click "Personalities" and "Big Joe Henry" for the entry rules.

Jeff Rafter, program director at WJRZ, 100.1 FM, tells us the station will be counting down the "Greatest Hits of All Time" with the "Firecracker 400," the very best songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s starting at 9 a.m. Friday and continuing through 5 p.m. Sunday, July 6. Radio Somewhere wants to tip our giant sombrero to Jeff in celebration of his 32 years on the air in Monmouth and Ocean counties, and on his promotion to program director at Greater Media's Magic 98.3, in New Brunswick.

WCBS-FM 101.1 is playing the titles in its library from A to Z beginning at 9 a.m. Monday and continuing until 7 p.m. Sunday, July 6, which means about 3,000 different songs to be played. WFAN will have its normal sport talk and Mets games. However, they will have a number of Fan Fest Giveaways throughout the holiday weekend.

1010 WINS is providing heavy coverage of the Macy's Fourth of July event beginning at 5 p.m. Friday. The highlight of the broadcast will be a radio simulcast of Macy's fireworks soundtrack. The station is encouraging folks to bring their radios with them if they're planning on watching from either side of the East River. For more details visit <http://www1.macys.com/campaign/sitelets/fireworks/seelive.jsp>. The broadcast will be hosted by longtime anchors Catherine Smith and Doug O'Brien with crowd reporting from Kathleen Maloney and Glen Shuck.

Fresh 102.7 FM is doing a "Fresh 400 4th of July Countdown" starting at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, July 3, with the Fresh Start of the Workday and will run through Sunday, July 6 at midnight. The Fresh 400 will allow listeners to vote for their favorite songs from the 80s through today and will play the most voted songs on-

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air.

Mike Fitzgerald, program director and morning DJ, says Breeze Radio (107.1 FM) will be the official station for Oceanfest, in Long Branch.

"We'll be there all day," says Fitzgerald. "We are also providing music on the Breeze to go with the fireworks, so people should have their radio tuned to the Breeze when the display is on."

For more, check the Web site at www.breezeradio.com.

Listen to the WRAT (95.9 FM) to win a family four-pack to the July Fourth Family Fun Day in the Garden Room at Monmouth Park.

Maureen Nevin Duffy created and hosted "Asbury Radio — The Radio Voice of Asbury Park," a weekly public affairs talk show at the City's WYGG, 88.1FM station, for more than 6 years. Please send your comments and suggestions regarding Radio Somewhere to AsburyRadio@aol.com or 3 Deal Lake Court, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

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