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## Daily Bee: We've Got Montauk Fireworks

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We're suckers for fireworks. The Montauk Chamber of Commerce hopes to make this year's Fourth of July celebration as big and bright as ever — so it's turning to GoFundMe, the crowdfunding site, to raise donations. It got the idea from the organizers of Shelter Island's fireworks, who are also using GoFundMe, according to Laraine Creegan, the chamber's executive director. (Apparently, we're not the only ones who love a good display....Shelter Island has raised \$36,000 and counting for its fireworks.)

The costs of Montauk's fireworks have risen to \$23,000 from \$16,000 a decade ago. "We source about half of the cost from our hotel members," Creegan says, but "we struggle to make up the difference from chamber resources and that means taking away from or eliminating another special event that contributes to our prime, short tourist season economy."

So donate already, dammit. We suggest all you newfangled hipster hotspots in Montauk be the first to pony up (it would be a good way to build goodwill in the community). Contribute to Montauk's GoFundMe campaign [here](#).

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