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**NAVY PIER SURPRISES CHICAGOANS WITH FIRST EVER PRE-SEASON  
FIREWORKS SHOW IN HISTORY**

*Celebrating Aon as the First Corporate Partner of Navy Pier's Centennial Vision*

**WHO:** Navy Pier, Inc. and Aon

**WHAT:** For the first time in the history of Chicago's great lakefront landmark, Navy Pier will host a pre-season "surprise" fireworks show to celebrate the Memorial Day weekend and the arrival of summer.

Chicagoans can share the news with friends, co-workers and family via social media with the hashtag #SummerStartsNow at Navy Pier.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 20  
9:30 p.m.

The fireworks display, now called *Aon Summer Fireworks*, officially begins *tonight* with the surprise show and will continue throughout the summer on Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:15 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**WHERE:** Navy Pier  
600 E. Grand Avenue

Fireworks will be launched on Navy Pier's waterfront and enjoyed by Chicagoans and visitors throughout the city and along the lakefront.

**WHY:** Because summer can't come fast enough! Tonight's fireworks display is a true celebration of everything we love about the great city of Chicago and its people, especially when the sun comes out and we get to enjoy our beautiful lakefront.

Today, Aon launches a partnership with Navy Pier to invest in the Pier's Centennial Vision and support one of Chicago's most vibrant industries – tourism and hospitality. A 5 year sponsorship of Chicago's favorite summer fireworks series and a 20-year commitment in support of the historic Grand Ballroom will accelerate the redevelopment efforts and help Navy Pier welcome its more than 9 million annual guests - from Chicago and around the globe – and continue to offer a world-class entertainment destination.

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