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I will be very interested in the result of the discussion as I have many issues re fireworks- the pollution, danger of fire, fear affecting children & nature. But in 2 weeks, I will be 86 years, do still drive, but seldom go out. My only contribution will be the letter that I originally sent to the city mayor, councillors of ward 4 , police chief, fire chief in early June 2023

Since then a neighbour living across from SJ Phillips school, where fireworks often occur, has echoed my belief that a city wide display would be sufficient

I am hoping that Oshawa Council, with knowledge of the city of Brampton's lead, will be among the councils of the future banning completely private firework displays

My letter of June 2023

I have been a resident of Oshawa for 85 years, and recently, fireworks have been on my radar, as they are an environmental nightmare. They are a source of noise and light pollution and are extreme polluters both with their smoke and with the heavy metals and shards that end up in our water table. They terrify creatures, enough for them to abandon their nests or young ; they terrify domestic animals to the point that they have to hide for hours on end, and they also scare small children most often when they are trying to sleep. Most importantly, the noise and light will terrify those suffering from PTSD or any of the diseases triggered by these types of things, such as epilepsy.

With our country battling so many forest fires and the smoke issues we've had recently, we should be cognizant of these issues as well.

Politically, it seems that a complete ban would be appropriate as our nation at this time is in a diplomatic standoff with China and most fireworks are imported from there. However, another idea might be a municipality having a city wide controlled display with the appropriate supervision for the public.

Years ago, I attended that type of event in Florida and luckily the fire department was there, as a burning ember landed in a tree and it went up in flames.

I am interested in hearing your thoughts on all of the above.  
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