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City of Liberty cancels Liberty Fest and other special events

LIBERTY, Mo. – Just like other cities around the metropolitan area, the City of Liberty continues to evaluate delivery of programs, services and events over the next few months while the number of people who can gather together is limited. Throughout the Stay Home Order and now into the COVID-19 Recovery period, Liberty has followed the recommendations of the Clay County Public Health Center and will continue to do so.

“With the uncertainty of the next few months, when we know mass gatherings will be limited to no more than several hundred people at most, it is very difficult to plan special events and large festivals like Liberty Fest,” said Sara Cooke, City of Liberty assistant city administrator. “With health and safety of the public and our employees still our highest priority, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year’s Liberty Fest event and fireworks show.”

Over the last several years, Liberty Fest has attracted upwards of 8,000-10,000 people to Capitol Federal Sports Complex to celebrate Independence Day with activities and games for kids, fishing, concert and fireworks display.

In addition to Liberty Fest, a number of other special events scheduled in May and June have been cancelled, including:

- May and June Guided Historic Walking Tours
- May Popcorn in the Park (as of now, Liberty Parks & Rec will postpone showing Frozen II to the August 28 event)

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- May Moonlight Yoga (*updates on future events will be posted online: www.libertymissouri.gov/MoonlightYoga*)
- Summer Band Concerts in historic downtown *Liberty* (*possible alternative dates/ locations under review. Watch for updates: www.libertymissouri.gov/SummerBand*)
- Make Music Day (June 21)

This is a fluid situation and we won't know if Clay County is ready to move on to Phase 2, Step 2 in the recovery plan for several more weeks. With that in mind, staff will continue to evaluate future events and programs and will post about any cancellations or postponements to the City website and social media channels.

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