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Lincolnshire Cancels Special Events Through Early July

(LINCOLNSHIRE, III.) The Village of Lincolnshire Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to alter or cancel all public special events through July 4 during the Regular Village Board Meeting on April 27.

Due to COVID-19, the Village Board decided that upcoming special events would create large gatherings contrary to the Center for Disease Control and Illinois Department of Public Health's social distancing guidelines. The uncertainty of hosting large public gatherings shortly after Illinois' current Stay-at-Home Order may be lifted, as well as psychological safety of the public, gave the Board pause for further event planning. Additionally, the Board did not feel comfortable with proceeding due to the financial impact incurred by large special events.

"The Village Board understands that special events are deeply rooted in tradition in our community and oftentimes create memories for families to cherish. Our decision to cancel or alter special events was not taken lightly and was out of an abundance of caution," Elizabeth J. Brandt, mayor, said. "Our number one priority is the safety of residents, and we would not fulfill that obligation if we proceed with our traditional summer special events."

The Board took action on the following special events and summer services:

- The Memorial Day Celebration at Spring Lake Park was canceled. Village staff are creating a virtual celebration.
- Food Truck Fridays were canceled through July 4. Village staff will monitor public health guidance and evaluate continuing with Food Truck Fridays in late-July. Considerations are underway for a possible extension of the Food Truck Friday season into the fall due to the cancellation of dates earlier in the year.
- The annual "Red, White, & BOOM!" 4th of July Celebration at Spring Lake Park was canceled. However, the annual firework show will proceed as scheduled on July 4. The Village will share more information with residents on best practices for viewing the fireworks show and maintaining social distancing at a future date.
- Lifeguards will not be present at Spring Lake Beach for the duration of the summer. Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other responsible person at least 16 years of age. Residents will swim at their own risk and swimming alone is not recommended.

The Village's other special events – Heroes Night, Boo Bash, and Holiday Tree Lighting – are still scheduled to take place. However, the Village Board will reevaluate as needed or as public health guidance becomes known.

The Village of Lincolnshire, 1957, is a northern suburb of Chicago and is conveniently adjacent to the Tri-State Tollway. Lincolnshire is home to 7,300 residents, two nationally-recognized public school districts, and over 400 businesses – a number of which are global headquarters and Fortune 500 companies.

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