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Postponement and Cancellation of Upcoming Community Events due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

MANTENO IL – On Wednesday, May 13, the Village Board approved to cancel or postpone upcoming community events in the Village. Governor Pritzker has issued an executive order limiting nonessential activities and social gatherings, and on April 23, it was announced the order would be extended through May 30, 2020. The State of Illinois has released the Restore Illinois plan to serve as a template for Illinois' response and guide the efforts of local communities to begin the process of reopening. At this time, the Village will need to put on hold on gatherings more than 10 people but less than 50 until Phase 4 – Revitalization (Phase 4) is reached for the region. To achieve Phase 4, several factors need to occur including stability / decreasing for hospital admissions, benchmarks for testing positivity rates are reached, testing is available regardless of symptoms or risk factors, and contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases in the region. Once these items are realized the Village will be able to look at opening some of the larger gathering and programs in compliance with Phase 4 guidelines. The Village has planned several community events throughout 2020. Due to the uncertain nature of whether social gatherings will be allowed or advisable, the Village Board held a discussion at the May 13 Public Safety Meeting to determine whether certain events should be cancelled or postponed. In addition, any event hosted by an outside organization and held on Village grounds has been cancelled.

The Village Board took action on the following events:

- Movies in the Park: June 5: Cancelled
- Rockin' on the Square Summer Concert Series, June 19 – The first of three concerts is cancelled, concerts scheduled for July 17 and August 21 will be re-evaluated, and a determination will be made.
- Golf Cart Parade: June 19: Rescheduled to a tentative date of August 21 to coincide with the August Rockin' on the Square
- Cruise Nights: Cancelled; will be re-evaluated for July
- Yoga in the Square: Cancelled; will be re-evaluated for July

Information about ongoing closures due to COVID-19 and availability of services can be found on the Village's website at www.villageofmanteno.com and the Village's Facebook page and will continue to be updated as information becomes available.