



**Clawson Fourth of July Committee
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The Clawson Fourth of July Committee, in partnership with the City of Clawson, has announced its plan to cancel all 2020 4th of July Festivities. This includes the Ice Cream Social, Kiddie Parade, Freedom Run, Firecracker Race, Parade, Carnival, Arts & Crafts Booths in the Park, Clawson/Troy Water Battle and fireworks.

The following weighed heavily on our decision to cancel all of these events:

- The Fourth of July Committee pays all celebration expenses through monies received at the gates, booths and other events. . Without the money collected from these gate fees and other events, the fireworks would not be possible.
- Health risk to general population – It is not known if this virus is recurring or will still be active even in those that are non-symptomatic in the month of June and July. It would be next to impossible to enforce safe distancing at any of the various events offered during these months.
- Staffing will, at best, be limited for volunteers, Clawson and local safety and security, Parks & Recreation, etc.
- Business participation will be limited as they try to recoup losses, deal with new rules of social distancing, etc.

It's our hope that our community will be able to celebrate responsibly at their own homes on July 4th. In the meantime, the Committee will continue to work diligently to provide a fun-filled and safe event in 2021.

Regards,

Michael Paquette

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President
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