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Summer Events Cancelled Due to COVID-19 Concerns

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE — About a week after the Cheeseburger Babies Foundation cancelled the July 3 Family Fireworks event, Tour de Terrace organizers and Friends of the Arts have cancelled the Tour de Terrace Seafair Summer Festival and Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show, respectively. In addition, the City of Mountlake Terrace has officially cancelled its National Night Out Against Crime event scheduled for August 4 and the 2020 Evergreen Award Program.

According to Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for Snohomish Health District, "The Governor's phased approach for reopening Washington shows events with more than 50 people not being allowed until Phase 4, which likely won't happen here until mid- to late-summer." He added, "I encourage people to cancel or postpone events like fairs, festivals, large weddings and overnight camps." The Health District further cautioned that groups and event planners should be cautious about making plans that extend beyond what is currently allowable. Organizers should also plan to remain flexible, as guidance may need to be revised in the coming weeks and months. They should have plans for enhanced social distancing, sanitation and hygiene measures.

All the event sponsors stated that the decisions were difficult to make but in light of uncertainties on public gathering restrictions, difficulty obtaining donations and sponsorships, and hurdles for securing insurance and permits, it makes sense to cancel this year and focus on planning for holding the events next year.

For more information, please visit www.tourdeterrace.org or www.cityofmlt.com.

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