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# News Release

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## City of Murphy reviews stance on holding public events

MURPHY (March 13, 2020) Arising from a cautious level of concern for the health, safety and security of residents and participants, the City of Murphy has announced the cancelation, postponement or schedule changes to several upcoming public events.

The Mother & Son Extravaganza, scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at the Murphy Community Center, has been canceled. However, should conditions change, the event may be rescheduled. Ticket-holders may request either a refund or maintain full credit for either the event, if and when it is rescheduled, or for other selected programs or events offered by the City. Patrons can make their preference known to Caitlyn Mullins at [cmullins@murphytx.org](mailto:cmullins@murphytx.org) or by calling 972-468-4067.

The Clean & Green event, set for April 4 in its usual drive-through, drop-off format, will be held as scheduled, but is subject to change. However, the Don't Mess with Texas trash clean-up component of this event will be rescheduled. More information on these two events can be obtained by contacting Bailey Ragsdale at [bragsdale@murphytx.org](mailto:bragsdale@murphytx.org) or by calling 972-468-4107.

The various classes at the Murphy Community Center will continue unchanged, but are also subject to modifications, should conditions warrant. The Murphy Community Center staff will continue to sanitize the facility and will encourage the social distancing guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The Tunes, Tails and Ales craft beer and music festival, an outdoor event scheduled for May 2, remains at this time unchanged, scheduled to occur as planned. The City will continue to monitor conditions and may announce a change in the near future.

“Our first responsibility is to safeguard the health of our residents,” says City Manager Mike Castro. “Taking a proactive, decisive position on maintaining the safety and security of our citizens is something we take very seriously.”

While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID19 in Murphy, the decision to review events is in line with guidance from the CDC, the Collin County Health and Human Services Department, and other medical experts who agree that limiting social interaction is an effective way to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Active reassessing of events and their disposition will remain in effect for an undetermined period and will apply to gatherings that have the potential of attracting large numbers of the public. As decisions on upcoming events are made, officials will use various means to convey word on their status.

“We are in constant communication with health officials at the local, state and national level, and will continue to make decision in a responsible and conscientious manner,” added Castro.

Residents are encouraged to follow updates on <https://www.facebook.com/cityofmurphy/> and <https://twitter.com/murphytx>. Information on the virus can be obtained at [www.cdc.gov/covid19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid19).

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.