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VILLAGE OF EAST DUNDEE CANCELS THIS SATURDAY'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND 5K

From the Office of the Village President Lael Miller

It is with bittersweet feelings, that I make the following announcement in light of recent events.

While we all know how important the Thom McNamee Memorial Dundee St. Patrick's Day Parade located in the heart of East Dundee is to our residents, visitors, and the local economy, we must always stay mindful of the necessary steps that need to be taken to keep the public safe. As you are aware, COVID-19, commonly known as the Coronavirus, has the very real potential of spreading in areas of high population density. The CDC recommends social distancing practices which include avoiding large gatherings like the parade, as a key preventative measure that should be taken to avoid the further spread of the virus. As such, on behalf of the Village of East Dundee, I, in conjunction with the parade organizers, have made the very difficult decision to cancel the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Kilted-5K Run scheduled for this Saturday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m.

Our decision follows suit with the recent postponement of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade that occurred this morning and the cancellation of other parades, events, and gatherings throughout the region and world. Please note, we will be keeping a close eye on this situation and information regarding the potential cancellation of the St. Patrick's Days Fireworks scheduled for March 21st will be forthcoming.

This cancellation serves as an important reminder that everyone has an important role to play in protecting the public health. For more information about what you can do to protect yourself from contracting and spreading the Coronavirus, please see the the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Below, please find an important message from The McNamee Family Foundation, organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

From The McNamee Family Foundation

www.dundeestpats.com



The Village of East Dundee like many municipalities are concerned with the well-being and safety of the community. It is with sincere disappointment and an abundance of caution for the welfare of everyone, the Thom McNamee Memorial St. Patrick's Day Parade and 5K on Saturday, March 14th will be canceled. The parade committee has been in close contact with the Village of East Dundee to make this difficult but important decision.

A determination about the fireworks event will be announced shortly.

The parade committee will be reaching out to sponsors as soon as possible.

It is our sincere wish to reschedule our Parade and will keep you all up to date as those plans come together. Please take care of yourselves.

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