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ELLETTSVILLE CANCELS LOCAL EVENTS

ELLETTSVILLE, INDIANA (April 20, 2020): The Ellettsville Parks and Recreation Board along with the Ellettsville Volunteer Fire Department are cancelling their upcoming events.

Parks Board President and Town Marshal Jimmie Durnil announced the annual Memorial Day observation on May 25th at the Memorial Park on W. Vine Street will be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "It saddens me that we are not going to publicly have the observation, but this year, it is the right thing to do" stated Durnil. Marshal Durnil urges everyone to take the time to remember those on Memorial Day who died while serving their country.

Ellettsville Fire Chief Mike Cornman also announced the fireworks show scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2020 at the Richland-Bean Blossom school property in Ellettsville will be cancelled.

A majority of the funds come from the Ellettsville area businesses. According to Chief Cornman, the show is only as good as the amount of money that is donated for the show. Being that most of the businesses are not in operation or are operating on a smaller scale Cornman feels like it is not the time to be asking for money.

Some of the operating funds come from donations from patrons who visit the show. The financial issue is the same for the people who are working with no income or a limited income.

In addition, Cornman feels the 4th of July is too soon to have a mass gathering. "To have 5000-7000 people attend the fireworks show would be irresponsible during the pandemic" stated Cornman.

If all goes well, the fire department intends to have the fireworks next year.