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Washington Township to Cancel Programs

Washington Township has canceled two summertime special events -- the Firefighters Ice Cream Social and Community Cruise In. The action was taken in accordance with the State of Ohio’s initiative to curb the spread of the coronavirus by limiting public gatherings to a maximum of ten.

Planning for large-scale special events takes place months in advance, making it necessary for the township to identify a different course of action this year, said Jesse Lightle, township administrator. “Both events also rely heavily on the generosity of local business sponsors. Given that this is a challenging year for many of our local businesses, we do not want to burden them more,” Lightle said.

The Firefighters Ice Cream Social has been a summer staple for 71 years, drawing about 6,000 people annually, and is the Washington Township community’s longest-running special event. The Community Cruise In, offered in collaboration with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, kicked off in 2019 with about 1,500 people in attendance. Both summer events are expected to return in 2021, Lightle said.

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