



News Release

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The Town of Fountain Hills has announced the cancellation of the 2020 Fourth at the Fountain event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ensuring the health and safety of residents, visitors, and employees during the pandemic is of vital importance to the Town. The Fourth at the Fountain event typically attracts crowds of up to 15,000 people in and around Fountain Park, far exceeding the recommended guidelines for group gatherings. Due to the inability to prevent a large gathering and difficulty in regulating social distancing at our Fourth at the Fountain event, the Town will not be going forward with the event this year.

Some communities are considering a “fireworks only” event this year. Staff evaluated other alternatives, but every option explored would have resulted in unsafe conditions with large gatherings and no practical way of enforcing social distancing, which the CDC and the AZ Dept. of Health Services have advised against and are currently prohibited in the Governor Ducey’s executive orders.

The Town of Fountain Hills recognizes that Independence Day is a significant and beloved tradition and encourages our community to find new ways to commemorate the holiday this year. Residents are encouraged to celebrate from their homes by displaying a flag, lights, or other Independence Day decorations in their front yard. The Town of Fountain Hills will continue to explore other ways to honor the birth of our nation with patriotic displays, such as lighting Town Hall blue and placing flags throughout Fountain Park.

Due to the Independence Day event cancellation, the Town of Fountain Hills will be utilizing the special event funding for a fireworks display at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the world famous fountain. The FREE Town-wide celebration will coincide with Stroll in the Golden Glow and Balloon Glow, on Saturday, December 5.