

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Kay Okey and Tower Days Committee
Date: 4/01/2020
Re: Tower Days cancellation due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Tower Days has always been about celebrating the community. This year, the Tower Days Committee feels the best way to protect the community is by cancelling the 2020 Tower Days events.

Several factors led us to this very difficult decision:

1. Projections from the Minnesota Department of Health on when the State of Minnesota will be at the height of the pandemic.
2. The Committee has not received funding from the primary sponsor, the SLP Lions Club, whose charitable gambling revenues have been curtailed due to the Governor's Executive Order closing restaurants and bars.
3. The Committee has been informed that Spring Lake Park Police Reserves and other volunteers have been disbanded until further notice thus there will not be personnel available to monitor the safety of citizens along the parade route.

The City of Spring Lake Park Management Team met on April 1, 2020 and recommended the cancellation for the safety of citizens, staff and volunteers.

On behalf of the Tower Days Committee, I am submitting our recommendation to the council to cancel Tower Days for 2020 and all events associated with Tower Days (parade, craft and business fair, Sunday events in the park, garage sale, Hay ride, Softball Tournament, Card Tournament, fireworks).

Tower Days will next be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

