

## City cancels its Lights in Flight Firework Festival

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Today, the City of Dayton announced the cancellation of its annual Lights in Flight Fireworks Festival, scheduled for Friday, July 3, at RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton. The City doesn't foresee the social distancing requirements implemented by the state to be reduced in time for the celebration. The event will not be rescheduled.

"We are sad to miss out on opportunities for celebration this summer, but unfortunately festivals do not lend themselves to social distancing," said Mayor Nan Whaley. "Health and safety remain our top priorities, and the Commission and I look forward to when it is possible for us to spend time together again."

The cancellation includes all activities associated with the event, including food vendors, live entertainment and the fireworks display.

"This is yet another difficult decision we have to make," said Shelley Dickstein, Dayton City Manager. "Maintaining the health and safety of our community, vendors, and the first responders who make this event possible is our top priority. We look forward to bringing this event back in 2021."

Additionally, the City would like to thank Marion's Piazza, which has sponsored the fireworks display for the past several years, as well as other sponsors already committed for this year.

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