



News Release

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Inclement Weather Causes Cancellation of Celebrate Highland Village

The weather forecast for Saturday, June 1 looked perfect for the City's annual Celebrate Highland Village event. The morning events drew many participants for the 1K/5K Run/Walk and the community enjoyed the family fish out event at Unity Park.

Close to starting time for the evening events storms began developing around Highland Village. Public safety, led by Fire Chief Michael Thomson, were closely monitoring the weather situation as attendees began arriving to enjoy the live music, kids activities, food vendors and the fireworks extravaganza. First weather reports looked as if the storms would miss Highland Village. That quickly changed when a storm north of the City took an unpredicted turn and headed towards Highland Village. This storm had produced one-inch hail and high winds. Everyone at the event was notified a storm was potentially heading towards Highland Village and given the option to leave or take shelter in the Briarhill Middle School gymnasium to see if the storm passed. All attendees were safely off the Unity Park field before the winds picked up and the rain began. Fortunately there was no hail in this storm, just a lot of rain and high winds. After consultation with an Accuweather Meteorologist, the determination was made to cancel the evening events. Staff planned to evaluate conditions on Sunday and determine if the fireworks extravaganza could continue on Sunday evening. The fireworks company, Western Enterprises, had protected the fireworks according to their protocol, however the high winds tore the coverings and some of the fireworks were damaged by water. Western Enterprises informed us the fireworks could not be launched safely and the showing on Sunday was cancelled.

Each year the local business community provides sponsorships for this community event. We would like to thank each one of them for their continued support of Highland Village and encourage patronage of these community-minded businesses.

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Ben E. Keith Beverages
Sigma Print Co.
Denton County Transportation Authority
North Texas Child Magazine

What's on Tap
Cross Timbers Gazette
What's That Guys' Name? Photography by
Guy T
Camp Gladiator
Living Magazine
Marcus High School Cross Country

Celebrate Highland Village is a free event designed to bring our community together to celebrate the beginning of summer. We appreciate the enthusiasm of our residents for this event. We had hoped to have the event however the weather did not cooperate. We are thankful for the quick response of attendees and our public safety, parks, public works, and communications staff to ensure the safety of all. We hope you'll make your plans to attend Celebrate Highland Village in 2020 on Saturday, June 6.