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**CITY OF ONTARIO ANNOUNCES SUMMER CANCELLATIONS, VIRTUAL PR0GRAMMING ALTERNATIVES**

The City of Ontario announced today that the annual Independence Day Parade and Fireworks Spectacular are being cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The moves are among a variety of steps being taken that will impact the City’s recreation and community services over the next several months. Alternative virtual programing is being planned where possible, but a number of summertime staples – including concerts in the park and movies in the park – will not occur as they have in the past.

“It breaks our hearts to have to cancel, postpone or change events and programs that are so much a part of our summer tradition in Ontario, but it has become necessary to do so while we continue to battle this public health crisis,” said Mayor Paul Leon. “The safety and well-being of our community has been and will continue to be our No. 1 priority, and our revised programming reflects that.”

While the traditional Independence Day Parade, movie series and concert series will not be held, alternatives are being discussed.

The July 4th Fireworks Spectacular will not go on as planned either, though it could be rescheduled to a date later in the year.

For more virtual options, please visit the City’s Virtual Life & Culture Resource Center at: <https://www.ontarioca.gov/VirtualCenter>. Or call: (909) 395-2020.

For updates on the City’s COVID-19 response efforts, please visit: [www.ontarioca.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ontarioca.gov/coronavirus)

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**About the City of Ontario**

The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and International Airport, Ontario offers the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its 177,000 residents.  Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.