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UMOS CANCELS, POSTPONES EVENTS

For the first time in 40 years, UMOs has cancelled its annual Mexican Independence Parade and Festival. The event was scheduled for September 13. The event is being cancelled due to precautions being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“We are disappointed that the community will not be able to take part in the celebratory parade and festival this year,” says Lupe Martinez, President and Chief Executive Officer. “But we must listen to the health experts and consider what is best for the health and safety of the community, as well as our staff, volunteers and parade participants.” Last year set a record in terms of the number of parade units and participants, as well as a record in festival attendance.

The only time UMOs has cancelled an event was in 2009. UMOs cancelled the Cinco de Mayo SpringFest due to the swine flu epidemic.

This year, UMOs has also cancelled its popular Cerveceros Tailgate Event in conjunction with the Milwaukee Brewers, also due to COVID-19.

The August UMOs Back to School Event is postponed until a later date.

The UMOs 55th Anniversary and Hispanic Awards Banquet Celebration is postponed until October 22, 2021. “We are hopeful we will be able to celebrate our anniversary milestone with the community next year,” says Martinez. “However, a nominations selection committee will still choose the 2020 UMOs Youth, Woman, Man and Family of the Year Award Recipients.” Nominations deadline is September 15.

The UMOs Breakfast with Santa event, which last year also set an all-time high in attendance of nearly 3000 kids and parents, is still planned for December 12, 2020.

For up to date information on these and other events check the UMOs website at www.umos.org

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