

SPECIAL EVENTS – CHAT BOX CONVERSATIONS – 4/15/20 @1:45PM

031210 is Paul Mangan from City of Phoenix

csawyer: yes

David Fierro: Click "Join with audio"

Mark Christiani: I'm good now

brennahosey: I can hear

David Fierro: I can hear

Erin Schneiderman: I can hear

Eric Legg: I can hear

Tricia Kramer: yes

Melissa: I can hear you

jordins: I can hear

Darren Skousen: I can hear

csawyer: yes we can hear you

Andrea: I can hear

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: I can hear

LAyres: please let me in

Niesha Whitman: I'm here I can see and hear everyone

Samantha Coffman: Sorry everyone, trying to figure out the echo. Not everyone hears it.

David Fierro: Hi Samantha!

Hermelinda Llamas: Hermelinda is on from Chandler

Jeneea Jervay-Bush: Yes

Hope Hooper: yes

Blaue: Yes. I can hear you well.

Tricia Kramer: yes, much better now Stacia

Andrea: yes

Elliott Sweitzer: I am from the City of Peoria

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: yes

Hope Hooper: Can hear you!

Tricia Kramer: yes, we can here you

Jak Teel: City of Cottonwood has suspended all of our current programs and events. We have closed our Recreation Center as well. We are in discussions on what we will be doing with our 4th of July event and are working with our vendor on an exit strategy in case we have to cancel that as well.

Krista VanderMolen: thank you Jak!

Roxann: Thanks Jak

brennahosey: Hermelinda said that Chandler IS doing July 4th?

LAyres: Fountain Hills has suspended all events through May. At this time moving forward with July 4th. Looking to identify budget cuts for FY20

Tricia Kramer: City of Litchfield Park is the same status as City of Cottonwood. We were lucky to not have to cancel anything (yet). Our last major festival took place on March 7 & 8.

Jak Teel: We are also looking at one of our marquee events in September that is capital intensive and deciding if the City is willing to take that financial risk out of our general fund.

Erica Perez: Queen Creek has cancelled all events through April. Decisions for may currently being discussed. We are only cancelling events that are on Town property.

Krista VanderMolen: Keep the updates coming in the chat everyone!

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: The Town of Oro Valley's effects are very similar to City of Cottonwood. We are also brainstorming creative ideas or alternative methods to hold events into the future for how long this lasts. We have some fun facebook video so we remain present for our families and residents.

brennahosey: Goodyear cancelled through end of May and are discussing Fourth of July. We want to host it. We hold it at the Goodyear Ballpark and we are trying to work something out with staying in their car... condensing the show so that we are not asking folks to stay in their car too long

Nikita's iPad: Glendale has cancelled events through the month of May. We are looking at ideas for virtual events during the summer and for the Fall in case that happens.

Shawna.figy: Camp Verde had to cancel our annual Pecan & Wine Festival scheduled for March 21-22. All of our classes have been cancelled through the end of April and facilities have also been closed. We are moving forward with planning for our Corn Fest which is in mid-July and in discussions about what to do with May as we wait for additional input from the State.

Hope Hooper: Prescott Valley has events cancelled through the end of May, with some small events on hold but ready to move forward if restrictions are lifted in May. We are planning to move forward with the 4th of July celebration at this time but are considering modifying the event to limit physical interaction. Still very much in discussion.

Mike Keane - Lake Havasu City: Lake Havasu City has also cancelled all events through April 30th. Most events have decided to reschedule for the Fall. We have not received permits for these events yet. It will be a full fall as we have many yearly events all ready scheduled.

Jak Teel: The City of Cottonwood has been fairly successful in transitioning our programming team from in person programs to non-traditional online programs. We are hosting daily live group exercise classes, we have an ongoing scavenger hunt through GooseChase, daily #challenges such as #takeoutTuesday and #WildlifeWednesday. We are rolling out an online Fitness Bingo for people to do at home as well as some other fun and autonomous activities for people and families can do.

Shawna.fgy: That is awesome Jak!

Jak Teel: We tried to do some equipment check out in the earlier stages of these closure but we did not see much success in that.

Tricia Kramer: Nice job Jak and Cottonwood!

Jak Teel: Did anyone issue refunds for their events? We had to postpone our 1/2 marathon scheduled for this weekend.

goverst1: This is Glenna Overstreet from the City of Tucson. Tucson is in the same situation, with events cancelled through April 30th. No street closure permits or park reservations are being taken at this time. Many of the organizers for the May events have self-canceled (and some have rescheduled) because they realize they need more time to prepare for the events. Most park amenities are closed as well, due to the directives for social distancing.

Hope Hooper: Not for events, but for classes and reservations

Shawna.fgy: We issued full refunds to all vendors and also to sponsors that requested refunds for Pecan & Wine.

stacey: We refunded sponsors and exhibitors but tried to roll them over to next year's events

Nikita's iPad: Glendale encouraged the rescheduling first before issuing refunds but we did issue some refunds

Shawna.fgy: We also cancelled Friday trips, Friday Fun Day Camps, and our Phoenix Rising trips. We issued refunds to all of those people as well.

Tonya: Wickenburg has cancelled all events, programs, and facility rentals through May and are prepared to cancel June as well. Our most likely restart date is July 1. We have not made a decision on 4th of July. Our Recreation and Special Events budget for July/Aug/Sept has been reduced to 50% due to lower tax revenues etc. Our non town special events have cancelled their events following the CDC recommendations.

stacey: With suppliers we also tried to roll over deposits to save on expenses were possible.

brennahosey: Goodyear is doing livestream e-gaming and a Virtual Rec campaign on Facebook (Make it Monday - Water Safety Wednesday - Fitness Friday)

brennahosey: We are also leading a social media contest to encourage all artists (all ages and skill levels) to spread some neighborhood cheer in a time when we need it most through sidewalk chalk

Shawna.figy: We did have a few vendors who requested we use there registration \$ for Corn Fest.

Niesha Whitman: Maricopa has cancelled events and programs through April 30. Moving forward in the planning process and keeping City Manager/Council updated.

Krislyn Powell: Downtown Tempe spring events were cancelled (including Tempe Festival of the Arts, Sunset Yoga Series, 6th Street Market). Our summer events and early fall events are on hold and we are monitoring the City of Tempe stance as well as state and national guidelines. We meet several times a week as a team and have a discussion dialogue going daily via Slack, as well. One unique aspect we were able to add for our Tempe Festival of the Arts is that we made it a virtual experience. Artists have been showcased online and people can still shop their work. We currently are working on placemaking activation ideas to keep morale up. For example, we have fence art on Rio and Mill that says "we're in this together." We also are encouraging our downtown merchants to shift to online experiences. For example, our downtown yoga studio Yoga to the People offers daily Zoom donation-based classes at 12pm and 6pm.

stacey: Someone in my neighborhood put exercise signs on all the bus stops for folks walking in the neighborhood. They worked with a local gym.

Lani Auwen: We are finding that IT is getting more involved with Recreation and not just supporting staff. Please involve your IT staff in planning meetings.

Lani Auwen: Goodyear, your FB and Instagram has been outstanding!!

brennahosey: Oh thank you! I will let the team know! It takes a village

Erica Perez: Due to cancelling our Easter Event, we did a Easter Bunny Adventure parade through various QC community neighborhoods. We took a few of our rec staff, decorated vehicles and had the QC easter bunny on a truck. We encouraged the community to make signs, wave from their driveways. We had a great response and lots of social media interaction.

Krista VanderMolen: Thank you for the creative ideas! Keep them coming! You will all have access to the chat and the recording.

Krista VanderMolen: Please tell us what your agency is doing with your Independence Day Celebrations...

Niesha Whitman: I didn't get to share our successes but we created a website as well [www.maricopaeats.com](http://www.maricopaeats.com) which is good for our economy and also provides our community a directory of over 50 local food establishments that are providing take out and delivery services.

Tonya: Wickenburg, with other local groups, held a drive through Egg Hunt with riddles to 12 locations to find large 24inch eggs. People shared photos etc and there was a prize from a local church through a drawing,

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: Here in Oro Valley we will be brainstorming alternative ideas for the 4th of July, at a meeting to be held this week, in case social distancing is still necessary. Currently it is

difficult to get fireworks so some of our brainstorming will be about what we will do if we cant get fireworks. Also Dylan, our special events coordinator, is making sure a cancelation clause is added to all contracts. Additionally we will be fully funding this event on our own as we will not be requesting any sponsorship funding.

Melissa: Is anyone having issues securing their fireworks show? We booked a year ago, but they are not signing the final contract because of everything going on.

Tonya: Wickenburg also did a Cruise and Take Out on Friday night. Encouraged the community to drive the town streets, stay in cars, wave to friends, bring out some fun cars and stop for food take out. It was successful and fun. Check out photos at the Wickenburg Sun facebook page. I believe it will be a regular Friday night event.

Elliott Sweitzer: Other than Goodyear, has anyone got in to the Esports world? Peoria tried a tournament but it did not go well. Does anyone else do online tournaments?

LAyres: We have secured a contract in fountain hills

WilliamM: Peoria has a fireworks contract with Fireworks Productions of AZ. They have plenty of inventory due to the cancellation of all the graduations, sporting events and outdoor festivals.

DeniseM: We in Gilbert have started Esports. Feel free to reach out.  
denise.merdon@gilbertaz.gov

Erin Schneiderman: Daily Emails from: Professional Associations (ILEA, IFEA, Event Safety Alliance), Publications offering daily blogs (Successful Meetings), Endless Events (Phoenix-based company), Biz Bash

DeniseM: FB- Recreation Done Right

Erin Schneiderman: Endless Events is supporting organizations moving their events from in-person to online.

Roxann: Here are some different ways to connect with Municipal Special Events Association:

DeniseM: FB- Women in Recreation

Erica Perez: Facebook Groups - Virtual Camp Ideas Group, Parks and Rec Done Right, Women In Parks and Rec

Erica Perez: Orgs - Biz Bash, City Park Alliance

brennahosey: Don't see anything

Tricia Kramer: Just submitted

LAyres: can we get a Microsoft teams for special events to stay connected

Krislyn Powell: Main Street America offers webinars and toolkits on how to #SupportLocalSafely during this time.

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: submitted and it worked well

Erica Perez: Facebook: Covid19 Home Education Resources

brennahosey: Like that idea

Roxann: Sorry here are the links for: [specialeventshq.com](https://specialeventshq.com); Facebook Group - Special Events HQ;  
Twitter: [specialeventshq](https://twitter.com/specialeventshq); Join conversation on Slack: [specialeventshq.us20.list-manage.com](https://specialeventshq.us20.list-manage.com).

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: excited to use the chat feed. lots of good ideas!

brennahosey: Oh, I have two screens, it came up on my other screen!

Mark Christiani: I volunteer Bill Moss :)

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: Thank you Stacia!!

brennahosey: Thank you!

Brittany Chitwood: Thank you!

brennahosey: yes

Brittany Chitwood: Yes

Melissa Boyle: yes

Roxann: yes

Nikita's iPad: yes

tedmundson: yes

DeniseM: yes

Hermelinda Llamas: yea

Mikel: yes

Andrea: yes

Chrystal Sawyer: yes

003044: yes

Tricia Kramer: 1pm is a good time

Hermelinda Llamas: yes

Tony Salinas: Yes

jkopp: Yes

Lynanne Dellerman-Silverthorn: 1:00 works

Erin Schneiderman: Thank you!

AB: Thank you!

Carrie Natceli: thank you

Nikita's iPad: Thank you!