



CITY of CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 5, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MARTY HALL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON 2021 SOCIALLY DISTANT CITY EVENTS

MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and provide direction to staff on socially distant City events.

BACKGROUND:

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Calabasas has followed California State and Los Angeles County protocols and guidelines in relation to public recreation and events. Early on, the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order prohibited in-person activities prompting staff to create online programming for residents. On August 30, 2020, California implemented the Blueprint for a Safer Economy establishing criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities and thereby assigning Los Angeles County to the Purple (Widespread) tier. Under Purple guidelines, in-person events were permitted, but were limited to programs where the public remained within an enclosed vehicle.

With the aforementioned restrictions, the Community Services Department hosted the following events between March, 2020 and March, 2021:

- Independence Day Trolley Tour, House Decorating Contest & Fly-over
- Senior Drive-in Bingo Event

- Park-Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Silly Walk at De Anza Park
- Spooky Kooky Halloween Photo Bingo, Decorating Contest & Treat Street
- Love Rocks Pop Up Rock Garden
- Cruise Into Spring Senior Parking Lot Trivia Night

March 12, 2021, Los Angeles County met the metric to begin lifting restrictions on activities, moving from the Purple (Widespread) tier to the Red (Substantial) tier. Looking ahead, LA County will need to meet the following criteria in order to lift additional restrictions:

Orange (Moderate) tier case rate range will shift to 2-5.9 cases per 100,000.

Yellow (Minimal) tier case rate range will shift to less than 2 cases per 100,000 and when 4 million doses have been administered statewide.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

News that Los Angeles County has advanced from Red (Substantial) tier to the Orange (Moderate) tier has yielded some change to public events. According to the California Department of Public Health, outdoor festivals and events with live audiences are prohibited statewide until the county reached the Orange (Moderate) tier which we are currently in as of April 5, 2021. Even when we reach the final tier capacity is limited with a maximum capacity.

RED TIER	ORANGE TIER	YELLOW TIER
No Live Audiences	Outdoor Only Capacity Limited to 33% Reservations Required	Outdoor Only Capacity Limited to 67% Reservations Required

Community Services staff are now operating under the assumption that the City’s traditional Fourth of July Fireworks will not take place in 2021 and the Pumpkin Festival may be permitted in 2021. Staff’s attention has been redirected to produce smaller events that provide a sense of community and tradition, while keeping the health and safety of the residents as the top priority.

Spring events will follow Orange Tier guidelines. Staff replaced the traditional egg hunt for a “Hop n Go Bunny Trail” where single household families took photos along the decorated De Anza trail and received their own take home egg hunt kit.

On Mother's Day weekend, staff will host a Wonderland themed Drive-in Family Bingo event with live characters, games and take-home treats.

Now that the County has advanced to the Orange tier, in-person events with reserved seating areas are allowed so long as social distancing efforts are implemented. Staff intends to host live concerts, animal and magic shows, and other family friendly performances where the ground is marked to delineate required spacing. Community Development has confirmed that De Anza Park has the capacity to safely host more than 500 residents and still meet the State's 33% limitation.

An Independence Day concert at De Anza Park might be possible if LA County stays in the Orange or Yellow Tier. If not, Staff will safely implement an alternative drive-through program with spirit prizes and citywide contests.

In the event LA County Health Guidelines do not allow us to hold certain events, staff will continue to be creative and propose other events that will fit into LA County Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Hop and Go Bunny Trail	10-516-5252-13
Community Events through June 30	10-516-5252-25

REQUESTED ACTION:

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ATTACHMENTS: None.