



## **News Advisory**

April 15, 2020

### **Handcart Days 2020 Parade and Activities Canceled**

**BOUNTIFUL** – Due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Handcart Days Board of Directors, with input from Bountiful City management, has made the difficult decision to cancel the Handcart Days parade and activities in the park for 2020.

Organizing and preparing a large event like Handcart Days takes months of preparation from hundreds of volunteers. The social distancing restrictions that are currently in place, with no certain end in sight, prohibit the planning and work needed now to have an excellent Handcart Days celebration. Preparations like float building and school band practicing cannot happen at this time and therefore make putting on a grand parade nearly impossible. It is also prudent not to invest time and money in planning, ordering food and other supplies not knowing when the current restrictions will be lifted. Also, when the restrictions are eventually lifted, we anticipate there will not be enough time to complete preparations and provide the excellent Handcart Days celebrations we have all come to expect.

We look forward to Handcart Days coming back better than ever next year. In the meantime, and with some good fortune (i.e., State and County health restrictions are lifted), we are still hoping to have the band Joshua Creek perform in Bountiful City Park on Friday, July 17 and the fireworks display following the concert at Mueller Park Junior High.

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