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## Union Celebrates America...Stay-At-Home Event for 2020

The annual Union Celebrates America will move to a *fireworks-only celebration in 2020*, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual celebration, which usually includes a parade and street party, will hold a fireworkonly display on *Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 PM*. A rainout date has not yet been set, but will be announced when available.

"Due to the restrictions on public gatherings from the state, and the amount of time it takes to plan such an event, we feel this is the best decision for our community, our partners and our vendors," said Mayor Larry K. Solomon. "We are planning a much larger fireworks display this year with the ability to be seen over almost all of the Union city and surrounding area, so Union residents can stay at home, in their neighborhoods or in your cars to celebrate America. We will make our fireworks display the biggest and best ever so we all can celebrate as safely as possible."

Vito's Fireworks will again provide the display for the celebration. No public viewing area will be available, and citizens are strongly encouraged to view the display from their homes, in-their-neighborhoods, or in-their-cars.

"We want to remind everyone that the parking lots at the Ryle High complex, St. Timothy's Church, Union Presbyterian Church and Kroger Marketplace are private lots, and should not be used without permission," added Solomon. "We want to encourage our citizens that social distancing and the other health directives from the state of Kentucky still apply. The show will go on, but we must be mindful of the health department directives and work together to keep everyone safe and healthy."

This is the 11th year for the Celebrate America Event.

More information regarding the City of Union can be found on the city's website <u>www.cityofunionky.org</u> or by contacting Communications and Operations Director Melissa Hinkle at <u>melissah@cityofunionky.org</u> or 859-384-1511.