

The City of Melbourne has canceled its annual Fourth of July celebration at Front Street Park due to issues related to COVID-19.

The annual event is held at Front Street Park where thousands of people gather to watch the fireworks display. Unfortunately, the park is not large enough to accommodate recommended social distancing to keep people safe.

In addition, the fireworks show is primarily funded through generous donations from local businesses. Fundraising typically begins in the early spring, but the annual campaign was not conducted this year in light of the economic impact that the COVID-19 crisis is having on our local businesses.

“Though we are deeply disappointed that we cannot hold our traditional fireworks event on the Fourth of July, we are looking into possibly hosting an alternative celebratory event later this year,” said Mayor Kathy Meehan. “We look forward to the day when we can bring the community together again.”

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