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Thank you mark. We're seeing it too and will do our best to provide facts and monitor comments.

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Subject: Fireworks feedback

Just FYI, lots of negative comments associated with today's post about no fireworks this summer. Here's the post text, followed by a small sample of the 200-plus (and growing) comments so far. Some people are offering positive responses to the critics, but many of the comments are hidden due to their content. The social distancing beach signs were not well received, either.

Thanks,
Mark

We regret to report that fireworks are a casualty of COVID-19 this year in Myrtle Beach. We've had several questions lately about the regular Wednesday night fireworks that the Oceanfront Merchants Association and the city sponsored in years past. Unfortunately, due to an extremely tight budget and concerns about proper social distancing by the public, the weekly fireworks including the Fourth of July fireworks show are not part of this summer's schedule. That's a savings of approximately $125,000, which is what the fireworks from the Second Avenue Pier normally cost to produce. We hope to bring fireworks back for summer of 2021.

DeAnna Robert But we can have the fair on the 4th ????

Jayme Smith Ashley Uebel Ed Uebel Jillian Smith Nathan Long

2 Replies

Barbara Cory More about liability'

Kathy Roe So SAD!!!!!

Joseph E. Donohue IV

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Ron Kelly Are you doing anything about the out of hand gang violence? I have sadly cancelled my vacations to the Grand Strand until I hear things are under control down there. Please keep us posted!!!!!

Jennifer Willis Ron Kelly as a local I will tell you that we don't have out of hand gang violence here in Myrtle Beach. We had some visitors to our city who caused trouble. Since we can't do a background check on every one of the 16 million visitors who come here it is a difficult

thing. This can happen in any city, even yours if some people with bad intent decide to visit. We hope you will come and visit again soon.

Tonya Lemons Ron Kelly it's perfectly under control- had a beautiful
Vacation there last weekend

Don Rozar Things are quiet and quite smooth now . . really.

Michelle Poplin Ron Kelly my boyfriend came to visit and we went and rented a hotel for a couple nights just for a little staycation. I would say if you don't want to be around all the activities just steer clear of anywhere from about 12th South to about 12th North.. we were on 28th North and it was nice..

Rob Walker Ron Kelly come down to the south end of the beach. So much better here!

Veronica Eddy Ron Kelly every day there is something downtown. I live in Little River but will not go down in Myrtle Beach after dark. Broadway at Beach also not safe.

James Newleaf Ron Kelly nope, gangs run Myrtle now. Just never come back.

Katherine Adelmann People ...this all about $. Oceanfront merchants took a hit this year. Why don't you all take up a collection and fund the fireworks!

Larry Hudson But protests, ok.

Michealle L. Dwyer Soooooo we just spend all this money on useless social distancing signs but can't afford fireworks?! I would've rather seen the fireworks than those stupid ass signs posted

Lindsay Hickman That is soooo stupid.

Bill Tavui People come to town for the fireworks. The cost is recovered with tourist dollars and then some. That's what the city says when it spends money on questionable projects. It is the people who decide their social distancing. The government picking winner...See More

Steve Wiest But you can protest in the streets and no one cares,this is bullshit!!!!!

Al Irwin So its about money and not public safety?? Yet we can involve police in a crowded protest but not celebrate our freedom. Straight bs

Jessica Stewart Heather Marie ... shit

Mark Fierimonte I will be having a peacefull fireworks display down at the beach everyone is welcome to come

The employees of the City of Myrtle Beach are a diverse group of individuals who

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