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PORT HURON ROTARY CANCELLING JULY 8, 2020 INTERNATIONAL DAY PARADE

PORT HURON — The Port Huron Rotary club announces the cancellation of the annual Rotary International Day Parade, which was scheduled for July 8, 2020. This would have been the 100th parade hosted by the Rotary Club of Port Huron, a tradition older than both the Detroit and New York Thanksgiving Day parades.

The theme for this year's parade was going to be "Decades" and the club plans to maintain this theme next year for the July 21, 2021 parade. The club did not have any registrations for this year's parade as it had not been soliciting participation. McLaren Port Huron is the parade's annual sponsor for the next four years and the club would like to express appreciation for the hospital's support.

Dr. Annette Mercatante, St. Clair County Medical Health Officer provided a statement in support of the club's decision to cancel this year. "The St Clair County Health Department applauds and supports the difficult, but responsible, decision that the Port Huron Rotary, and all the citizens of our community, have made to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID virus. Cancelling or postponing a beloved event like the International Day Parade highlights the cooperation and commitment that everyone is making to conquer this common enemy – the virus. Together we will endure and flourish!"

Rotary Club of Port Huron plans at this time to continue its 100th Anniversary celebration with a program focused on "100 Years of Service." The club will be granting 10 prizes of $1,000 to local nonprofits at this celebration event. It was announced earlier that this event is rescheduled for October 16, 2020. It will be hosted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Port Huron and tickets can be purchased on the Blue Water Area Chamber's website.

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