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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Glendale Heights Oktoberfest Canceled**

Glendale Heights, Illinois (July 20, 2020) – The Village of Glendale Heights and the Glendale Heights Oktoberfest organizers are sad to announce that Glendale Heights Oktoberfest 2020 will be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Glendale Heights Oktoberfest was scheduled to run for 11 days from September 10<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>.

With the guidelines mandated by the State of Illinois, the organizers of the event believe that Glendale Heights Oktoberfest would not be able to operate while respecting the Governor's Restore Illinois plan, which calls for no mass gatherings until a vaccine or treatment for COVID-19 is developed. Ultimately, the organizers of the event believe that the safety and well-being of all of the Oktoberfest attendees, volunteers, entertainers, vendors, and staff are of the utmost importance. Due to the logistics of the event, the handling of food, close gathering, and being in a semi-enclosed tent, organizers believe that it would be nearly impossible to host an event of this caliber and size.

The Glendale Heights Oktoberfest organizers will be using this time to plan for the event's return in September of 2021 with new ideas, plans and attractions that will continue to grow the event for years to come. Since its inception in 2012, the Glendale Heights Oktoberfest has blossomed into one of the premiere Oktoberfest events in the Chicagoland area bringing in people from all over the world. The Glendale Heights Oktoberfest Chairperson, Chef Wolfgang Beyer from Schnitzel Platz Restaurant, has

spent the last eight years bringing this dream event to fruition. “My vision was to see a little piece of German culture and celebration make a home right here in Glendale Heights!” said Chef Wolfgang Beyer. “Not being able to see the smiling faces and people dancing will be extremely difficult this year but I know we will have a triumphant return next year!”

The Village of Glendale Heights and the Glendale Heights Oktoberfest organizers extend their heartfelt gratitude for the support and patience for the Glendale Heights Oktoberfest.

Please visit [www.glendaleheightsoktoberfest.com](http://www.glendaleheightsoktoberfest.com) for more information.

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