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Norfolk Festevents Announces Updates to the 2020 Schedule of Events

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Norfolk, VA – While many 2020 regularly scheduled events are postponed to 2021, Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. is pleased to announce a new series of small outdoor events for Town Point Park called “TGWO – Thank Goodness We’re Open” Presented by Southern Auto Group. These events, to occur in a designated Social Circle in Town Point Park, will follow the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 guidelines for capacity and are subject to change.

A new weekly outdoor movie series, sponsored with Norfolk Recreation Parks and Open Spaces, will also be presented at recreation parks around the city.

Recent postponements include:

- **Norfolk Latino Music Festival** (July 25): Postponed to TBD in 2020
- **Virginia Symphony Orchestra in the Park** (July 26): Postponed to 2021
- **Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival** (August 21 & 22): Postponed to 2021 *
- **Norfolk In-Water Boat Show** (September 18-20): Postponed to 2021
- **Ocean View Beach Park Big Bands on the Bay Series**: Postponed to 2021
- **Ocean View Beach Park TGOV Friday Night Series**: Postponed to 2021

**Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival ticket information: Please contact festevents@festevents.org by Tuesday, September 1, 2020 to receive a credit for the 2021 Norfolk Waterfront Jazz Festival, or to request a refund.*

The TGWO Series Presented by Southern Auto Group will occur every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday beginning on Thursday, July 23, through August, and possibly into the fall, at Town Point Park and will feature:

- Thursdays (5-8pm): Happy Hour Concerts with live entertainment;
- Fridays (5-8pm): Chip & Sip, interactive target golf game & Happy Hour along Elizabeth River;
- Saturdays (8-11pm): Family Outdoor Movie Nights.
- A Jazz Festival Tribute with local jazz artists is being planned for the weekend of August 21 and 22.

“We are excited to be open again and to bring great outdoor entertainment to our community,” says Festevents CEO Karen Scherberger. “However, the success and our ability to continue these and other events will depend on how well our patrons follow the important safety guidelines that everyone should be aware of by now”, Scherberger adds.

All events will comply with COVID-19 regulations including:

- Required face coverings
 - Upon entry and exit
 - Standing in line and using public restrooms
 - Standing in line and ordering food and beverage
 - At all times except when eating and drinking
- Capacity capped at 1,000 persons, or less, depending on the COVID-19 guidelines at that time.
- Practice of safe social distancing, including staying six feet apart from guests who are not members of the same household.
- No gathering around any bars, food trucks, or stages.
- Patrons will be expected to enjoy food and beverage at their seats.
- No guests with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days, will be permitted.

Admission to all events will be free and open to the public. All events will also include local food trucks, happy hour drinks, and beautiful waterfront views of the Elizabeth River and Downtown Norfolk.

Additional safety measures will include socially-distant queue lines, continued cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and shared items, hand washing and sanitizing stations, event safety ambassadors, and designated entry and exit points to safely monitor event capacity. Norfolk Festevents will continue to work closely with local and state health departments to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all guests.

Dogs and pets will not be permitted due to guidance from the Virginia Health Department. Guests are welcome to bring their own chairs, blankets, coolers, and outside food and non-alcoholic beverages. Outside alcoholic beverages will not be permitted, but will be available for purchase.

Norfolk Festevents Thank Goodness We're Open (TGWO) Series 2020 Tentative Schedule **Presented by Southern Auto Group**

Thursday, July 23 – Happy Hour Concert featuring *Strange Roots* (5-8pm)

Friday, July 24 – Chip & Sip: A Happy Hour Golf Experience (5-8pm)

Saturday, July 25 – Family Movie Night: "The Sandlot" (8-11pm; movie begins at sunset)

Thursday, July 30 – Happy Hour Concert featuring *Wonderland* (5-8pm)

Friday, July 31 – Chip & Sip: A Happy Hour Golf Experience (5-8pm)

Saturday, August 1 – Family Movie Night: Movie TBD (8-11pm; movie begins at sunset)

City of Norfolk Neighborhood Fun Tour: Outdoor Movie Nights 2020 Tentative Schedule

Tuesday, July 21 – Berkley Community Center: "Aladdin"

Tuesday, July 28 – East Ocean View Community Center: “DoLittle”

Tuesday, August 4 – Barraud Park: “Yogi Bear”

Tuesday, August 11 – Norfolk Fitness & Wellness Center: “Yogi Bear”

Tuesday, August 18 – Norview Community Center: “Aladdin”

Tuesday, August 25 – Titustown Recreation Center: “DoLittle”

For more information on Norfolk Festevents’ TGWO series and the Neighborhood Outdoor Movie Nights, please visit Festevents.org.

Norfolk Festevents is also asking for community feedback in preparations for the upcoming events. To access and complete the survey, [click here](#).

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating the most dynamic urban waterfront community in America through innovative programming and imaginative uses of its historic waterfront spaces. Norfolk Festevents has garnered international acclaim for its advocacy for public access to waterfronts, outstanding quality programming and development of public spaces, transforming Norfolk into one of the most progressive, fun and livable waterfront communities in the country. Residents, workers, and visitors to Norfolk and The 757 are invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2020 season!

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