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FEDERATION OF CROATIAN SOCIETIES SUPPORTS CITY OF FRANKLIN'S FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Franklin Beer Garden at Croatian Park Temporarily Suspends Live Music

FRANKLIN (July 9, 2020) – In accordance with the City of Franklin's order that all live music venues be suspended in Franklin to help reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, the Board of the Federation of Croatian Societies today announced that the Franklin Beer Garden at Croatian Park will voluntarily and temporarily comply with Franklin's request to support the fight against COVID-19.

The Board made this decision voluntarily, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of its patrons and team members, however, it is their belief that the order is not legally valid under the current state of the law and that it provides no proof that the Beer Garden has anything to do with the latest jump in Franklin COVID-19 rates of infection.

“While we support the City of Franklin's order to temporarily suspend live music, it's important to note that there has not been one confirmed or unconfirmed case of COVID-19 traced to the Beer Garden, nor have any staff exhibited symptoms or tested positive for the virus,” said Tomislav Kuzmanovic, Board President. “We believe that this is attributable to our organization's adherence to the safety measures we put in place upon opening the Beer Garden, which were developed entirely in cooperation with the City of Franklin.”

The set-up for live music at the Beer Garden adheres to current social distancing guidelines with a stage at least 40 feet away from any tables or patrons, and at least 100 feet away from the beverage service station. This was done specifically to avoid stage crowding, mass gathering and contact with people unrelated to performances.

“Despite these proactive measures, we will suspend live music at our weekly Beer Gardens until further notice,” added Kuzmanovic. “Our first priority is always the safety of our guests and staff, and cooperating with the City of Franklin, as we have since our purchase of this property in 1957. We want our patrons to continue to enjoy the Franklin Beer Garden at Croatian Park this summer, even without live music, and will do everything possible to ensure that patrons have a safe, fun, family and pet-friendly experience.”

The Beer Garden at Croatian Park is open every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Sept. 17. Admission is free, with 30 acres of space, plenty of parking and ample room for having fun while practicing social distancing. There are a variety of popular beers, wines and craft cocktails on the menu, as well as specialty Croatian beers, wines and cordials. Food trucks are also on-site.

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