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CITY OF WOODSTOCK POSTPONES TWO UPCOMING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES EVENTS

WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA: The City of Woodstock has announced that two upcoming events in the Woodstock Summer Concert Series must be postponed until the 2021 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Council and Parks and Recreation Staff feel the cancellations are warranted due to the difficulty in ensuring adequate social distancing at the Northside Hospital Cherokee Amphitheater.

The Ultimate Queen Celebration starring Marc Martel on July 31st and the Steep Canyon Rangers concert on August 8th will both be postponed until the 2021 season. The Woodstock Summer Concert Series is a free event and no tickets are required to enter the amphitheater, which is part of a public park, The Park at City Center, in downtown Woodstock.

"We looked at making these concerts ticketed events in order to limit attendance in response to the pandemic which would require barricading the park and the amphitheater and increasing staff at entrances," said Woodstock Parks and Recreation Director Michael Huffstetler, "We also explored dividing the green space into grids to encourage social distancing. Even with these safeguards, we did not feel that we could guarantee social distancing at these events."

City Council has been evaluating and discussing this decision since the State of Emergency began in March. Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques stated, "We do not take this decision lightly. City leaders regret disappointing our citizens who look forward to these events every year. Like many other decisions we are making in regard to pandemic response, we are faced with finding a balance between protecting the public and our staff while maintaining quality of life in Woodstock."

As of now the September 12th Black Jacket Symphony concert and the October 30th Rumours concert are still scheduled to take place.

Learn more about Woodstock Summer Concert Series and other events and programs of Woodstock Parks and Recreation at woodstockparksandrec.com. For more information on City of Woodstock, go to woodstockga.gov.

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About City of Woodstock, GA: Located just 30 miles north of Atlanta, Woodstock's City limits include more than 12 square miles and over 30,000 residents. Woodstock is a Georgia PlanFirst Community and a recipient of Georgia Municipal Association's Live Work Play City Award. Known for its vibrant downtown and world-class trails, Woodstock is home to historic Dixie Speedway, The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta, and Georgia Small Business Rockstar Reformation Brewery.

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