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2020 Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Christmas Parade & Wassail Fest Canceled

In the interest of public health and safety, the City of Bastrop determined the best course of action is to cancel the Lost Pines Christmas Parade and Wassail Fest for the 2020 holiday season.

With COVID-19 cases increasing nationally and locally, the City of Bastrop is, unfortunately, canceling the 2020 annual Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Christmas Parade and Wassail Fest. The City worked with the Bastrop County Health Authority and their Emergency Management Team but unfortunately could not find a way to continue in the current environment. "My heart is broken. These two events do so much to support our small businesses downtown as well as build community. I am thankful that we could plan several new safe and healthy Lost Pines Christmas events," said Main Street Manager Rebecca Gleason.

This year, the City is hosting the first *'Making Bastrop Bright,'* a lighted holiday decorating contest. Registrants decorate their homes or businesses, with winners chosen by the public. Details about the rules, categories, and more are available at www.cityofbastrop.org/MakingBastropBright. Registration is open to anyone within the Bastrop city limits, Tahitian Village, and The Colony.

Also, the City of Bastrop and Film Alley will be hosting their first *'Virtual Tree Lighting & Drive-In Movie'* on November 28 in the Bastrop Convention Center parking lot. Join the City as we host our annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony on the big screen and Facebook live. From there, enjoy watching *'The Grinch'* with all the drive-in movie experience's nostalgia, complete with concession stand. For more details, visit the event page on the City of Bastrop Facebook page or www.lostpineschristmas.com.

Lastly, the City of Bastrop Main Street Board will be hosting the *'Holiday Sidewalk Stroll'* from December 10 through December 13 in Downtown Bastrop. The community will hunt for Christmas ornaments hidden around downtown for a chance to win a Holiday Gift Card Tree! For more details, visit the event page on the Downtown Bastrop Facebook page or www.lostpineschristmas.com.

The City of Bastrop did not make this decision lightly but knows it must take our community, citizens, and visitors' health and safety seriously. With COVID-19 cases continuing to climb, the cancelation of the Lost Pines Christmas Lighted Christmas Parade and Wassail Fest is in line with cancelations across the region. The City is excited to offer several other safe and healthy holiday alternatives until we can resume our traditions as a community.

About the City of Bastrop:

Bastrop envisions itself as a welcoming community with a compassion for our diversity, a tapestry of people, arts, and structures; preserving our history and character while embracing progress around our unique environment. The mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide innovative and proactive services that enhance our authentic way of life to achieve our vision.

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