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Downtown Lee's Summit cancels Emerald Isle Parade

After careful thought and much deliberation, Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street has decided to cancel this year's Emerald Isle Parade, scheduled for Saturday, March 14.

Increased calls for inclement weather, combined with growing concerns over COVID-19 have led us to believe the best decision for both parade participants and spectators is to cancel the parade.

"This is the first time, in 15 years, we've had to cancel this event," said parade chair Nick Parker. "This is an incredibly popular family event in our community and it was not an easy decision to cancel. However, when considering the safety and well being of all involved, we believed this was the best decision we could make."

As of the time of this release, the Emerald Isle Pub Crawl, planned and managed by The Strother District, will go on as scheduled. The crawl is set to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday. Any further announcements for this event will be made on the Emerald Isle Pub Crawl Facebook page.

For details on future events from Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street, visit www.downtownLS.org/events.

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Downtown Lee's Summit is a multiple state and national award-winner for excellence in downtown revitalization, including the 2010 Great American Main Street Award®, which the National Trust Main Street Center gives to only five communities across the nation every year.

Rich in history, Downtown Lee's Summit is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its strong ties to the railroad continue to this day — visitors can hop on a passenger train and arrive at the Amtrak station in Downtown Lee's Summit for a memorable trip. With more than 50 distinctive retail shops, and many restaurants and bars ranging from upscale to laid-back, Downtown Lee's Summit is an eclectic and fun place to visit. A unique combination of preservation of history and place, with progressive attitudes and entrepreneurship, make Downtown Lee's Summit a great place to live, shop, eat and play.