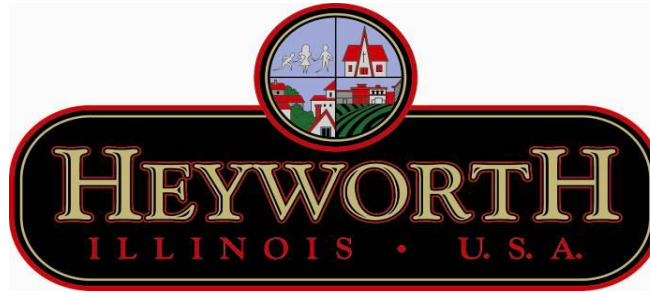


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## 2021 HEY DAYS CELEBRATION

Hello Citizens of Heyworth!

It has been nearly a year since the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a global pandemic, and this past year has been filled with many changes and difficulties. Although it appears that we are getting closer to “normalcy”, there are still challenges we are facing, including with Village of Heyworth municipal operations. One such item is related to our annual Hey Days Celebration.

Planning for the Hey Days Celebration begins immediately after the previous celebration concludes. A key component to assure we have a successful event is to schedule the date with the carnival so that other planning can occur, such as entertainment, tents, and vendors. The Village and the carnival would typically have dates confirmed in the December/January timeframe. The carnival and festival industry has been hit very hard during the pandemic as most states have required limitations on the number of people gathering, essentially rendering carnivals and festivals non-existent during this time.

Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful in our attempts to reach the carnival to start the process to explore options for the 2021 Hey Days Celebration. Because of the time needed to schedule and plan the event, as well as the uncertainty of having a successful event, the Village has little choice but to NOT proceed with a 2021 Hey Days Celebration. The Village is hopeful and optimistic that the 2022 Hey Days Celebration will be better than ever!

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