

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE LA GRANGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION & PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE

La Grange, IL- For many years, Endless Summerfest has been an end of summer tradition in La Grange. A collaboration between the Park District and the La Grange Business Association, staff and volunteers from both organizations, with assistance from the Village, worked to provide top-notch family entertainment including a Carnival, live bands, food and drink from some of La Grange's most popular restaurants and an annual fireworks display in Gordon Park.

Over the years, however, it has become increasingly more difficult to provide the same quality event and the Park District and LGBA have had to reimagine the way the event is produced. Although our resources have not increased, the costs of executing Endless Summer have almost tripled over the years. Increased security costs together with an increase in band and fireworks fees have added to the staffing stress of putting on the 3-day event. After a thorough review of the dramatic cost increases over the last several years, including the most recent Endless Summerfest, the Park District and LGBA have come to the difficult decision to end the event.

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope to find new ways to create vibrant and safe community experiences in the future.

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The LGBA is a membership organization of over 300 service businesses, restaurants, retailers and non-profit organizations that strive to enhance the La Grange economy through networking opportunities, educational programs, special events and marketing programs. For further information, visit lgba.com

The Park District of La Grange provides a comprehensive system of public parks, activity buildings (including a 125,000 square foot recreation center), and recreation amenities that greatly contribute to the quality of life for residents and visitors of La Grange, Illinois.