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## Barry County Parks Commission CANCELING 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARLTON PARK DAY CELEBRATION scheduled for May 23, 2020!

Like with all things COVID-19, we are unsure what May and June will look like for all of us by then. Unfortunately, we do believe there will be many challenges that lay ahead, and truly feel that canceling the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlton Park Day Celebration (CP Day) is the right decision for ensuring public health and safety.

This difficult decision was not made lightly, given what "Charlton Park Day" represents to our facility and to the greater Barry County Community. Originally scheduled for May 23, 2020, this would have been our 14<sup>th</sup> annual kick-off to summer event. This event has been held each year to celebrate our founder, Irving Charlton, and Historic Charlton Park. This community event typically brings together thousands of Barry County residents for free food, fun and celebration. We are planning for this event to return in 2021 and are hopeful it will be even bigger and better. To our many sponsors, local business partners, and governmental agencies that make CP Day happen, we hope you weather the storm and have a strong economy for the rest of 2020!

We appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to serving you later in the year at our many other events. We hope everyone remains healthy and safe, and remember to practice your social distancing.

If you have any questions regarding this cancellation, please contact the Barry County Parks Commission office at (269) 945-3775.