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Dear Fairplay Community,

I trust that this correspondence finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy during this time of unprecedented precautions being encouraged by our country and our community.

As Mayor I reiterate my accolades; I have been extremely impressed with our community's response to this ongoing crisis, and the number of acts of kindness I have seen firsthand and hear about every day. This truly shows the resolve and outstanding character of our community. We will get through this together because of each other.

It is with a very heavy heart then, that I inform you that the Board of Trustees for the Town of Fairplay has had to make the monumental decision to cancel all of the Town owned and operated annual summer events for this summer and fall. These cancelled events include the 72nd Burro Days Celebration, our TGIFairplay Concert Series, and our annual Independence Day Celebration. This was not in any way an easy one. We, as a Board along with our Staff, have spent countless hours considering our options and weighing the known and projected impacts of this decision. After speaking firsthand with officials from our State and Local Health Departments, we do not see any other reasonable option that ensures our ability to sponsor and organize these events safely while all the while, we, and other communities, follow Federal and State guidelines in relation to COVID-19 related restrictions. It is expected that our community, State and Country will still be affected by this occurrence through the summer and beyond. The effect of these unknowns shake and disrupt the very foundation of our ability as a Board and Staff to guarantee the quality of events that we have all come to love, appreciate and be proud of, let alone, ensure our health and safety.

Despite these difficult times that we all continue to navigate, it will not last forever; we will once again have events, we will once again be able to greet one another in person without grave concerns, we will once again be able to enjoy each other through the common thread that we all share of interaction, and the 72nd Burro Days will take place on July 24 and 25, 2021. I am sure you, as I do, look forward to this time and envision the days when our life's decisions will be much less complicated.

We are available to take your questions via our website at www.fairplayco.us and via telephone at (719) 836-2622.

Please continue to keep yourself and your families safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
Frank Just
Mayor

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