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History, Harmony, and Hot Dogs Cancelled for June 2020

Danvers, MA— The Danvers Historical Society, in cooperation with its staff and volunteers, have decided to cancel its annual History, Harmony, and Hot Dogs community event originally scheduled for summer 2020.

While the Society regularly welcomes visitors and private rental guests to the signature property in its historic portfolio, Glen Magna Farms, the organization has opted to defer on this family-friendly gathering due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the current requirements for social distancing. As a popular event for education, community, and the preservation of Danvers History, the History, Harmony, and Hot Dogs summer feature will be reconfigured for 2021, as part of its regular calendar of monthly in-person and virtual events to highlight Danvers' rich historic legacy.

Nora K Whouley always talks about how History, Harmony, and Hot Dogs has been an event she has looked forward to every summer since she was a kid. "I could count on HHH as a regular part of my family's summer fun," she noted. Now, as Assistant Communications Director at the Society, she feels just as disappointed as everyone else that it is not going to happen this year due to the pandemic.

The Society was excited to have the band "The Squeezebox Stompers" play at HHH, but due to current health circumstances, the band will be performing on the veranda at Glen Magna Farms in 2021.

Irene Kucinski was the volunteer coordinator for HHH since the 90's and Eileen Russell the previous 3 years. Kiwanis Club of Danvers and many other volunteers served up hotdogs and delicious root beer floats. In reviewing the available guidance for community gatherings, the HHH committee and Trustees of the Danvers Historical Society made the decision to not hold the event this year.

Instead of the in-person HHH date, the Society has been working diligently on a lineup of virtual programming, including Facebook Live broadcasts, as it aims to be an educational resource for children of all ages. Be sure to visit our Facebook page to connect with our Live programs and archives that we hope will engage the public on how our local history shapes today and tomorrow. Visit our website at www.danvershistory.org for details on events.

We want to thank Danvers Cultural Council who has helped to fund the HHH dates. We also want to thank Essex County Community Foundation for supporting our creative educational programing and operations. Many individuals and organizations have been a part of HHH and we want to acknowledge them all for their effort and dedication to our annual event.

The Society encourages everyone to stay healthy and to be safe during this pandemic. We are just as anxious to get back to normal as everyone else. That means it is important to keep washing those hands, stand six feet away, and to wear a mask around others.

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History Harmony and Hot Dogs 2019. Photos courtesy of the Danvers Historical Society.