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### ***City of Lackawanna Cancels Summer Festival for 2021***

*Popular annual event cancelled due to Covid-19 protocol uncertainty and venue renovation project*

Lackawanna, N.Y. – The City of Lackawanna has announced the cancellation of its popular summer festival in 2021 due to uncertainty around Covid-19 health protocols required during the event time period and a planned early summer start of a large grant-funded renovation project at the Veteran’s Stadium event venue on South Park Avenue. The festival was planned for mid-June.

“With the lead time necessary to produce a high-quality festival, the uncertainty around exactly what Covid-19 health and safety protocols would look like this summer and the timing of the extensive work planned at Veteran’s Stadium, we felt it best to cancel this year’s event,” said Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo. “We look forward to resuming our summer festival better than ever in 2022 within our newly renovated venue.”

The renovations to Veterans Stadium will include grant-funded construction of a new pavilion, synthetic ice rink, second ball diamond, volleyball courts and horseshoe pits, among other improvements. Project timelines are currently being finalized and will be communicated at a future date.

***The City of Lackawanna*** is a culturally diverse city of nearly 18,000 located on the shores of Lake Erie, just south of the City of Buffalo. Lackawanna offers attractive economic development options for new and expanding businesses, including those associated with partnership efforts to redevelop the former Bethlehem Steel site as a commerce park for clean manufacturing, distribution as well as city-owned and private land parcels – all conveniently located near long established and easily accessible to the NYS Thruway, rail and port infrastructures. Lackawanna is home to Our Lady of Victory Basilica, a national shrine, which is within walking distance of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and Olmstead-designed South Park. For more information visit [www.lackawannany.gov](http://www.lackawannany.gov)