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2020 REEDER'S ALLEY BLOCK PARTY

April 3, 2020

Dear Community,

Since its inception in 2015, the Reeder's Alley Block Party has grown into an annual celebration, drawing thousands of people together to kick-off summer in Helena's oldest neighborhood. This celebration of history, community, and ideas is a favorite for community members of all ages and includes live music, food & drinks, historic tours, and host of fun and interactive games and activities.

While we wish nothing more than to kick-off summer in Reeder's Alley with you, *in light of the growing situation with COVID-19, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel this year's Reeder's Alley Block Party.* While we wish it weren't the case, we believe it's the right thing to do, all things considered. Additionally, we hope that this decision allows event sponsors to redirect their contributions to organizations offering direct services for our community members most in need and our health care providers and others on the front lines.

Once the parameters of our current health crisis situation become more clear, our goal (if possible) is to host a smaller-scale event later this year in Reeder's Alley honoring each and every one of you and the sacrifices that you are making to try and keep our city running and people safe, near and far. *Stay tuned for more information about this and please save the date for the 2021 Reeder's Alley Block Party on Saturday, June 12th 2021.*

In the meantime, if you are searching for opportunities to connect, share ideas, learn from and with others, and engage in thought-provoking conversation, please join our upcoming Merlin CCC virtual events: <https://merlinccc.org/events/>.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have at 406-502-2122 or marisa@merlinccc.org.



With much respect and gratitude,

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