



## The Arlington Fire Department

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### **2020 Arlington Firemen’s Festival is Cancelled Due to Public Safety Concerns Stemming From COVID-19**

Arlington, WI May 20, 2020 - The Arlington Firemen’s Festival has been a community tradition since the 1930’s. The festival has had many changes over the years to bring in people from the surrounding areas to enjoy our community event. We would like to say Thank You to all who have supported our efforts over the years whether it is by attending the event, helping put it on, or both. We put money raised back into the Firemen’s Park and the Arlington Community.

It is with concern for the health and safety of the public that the Arlington Volunteer Fire Company feels that we need to cancel the 2020 Arlington Firemen’s Festival. As a public safety entity, we need to keep the safety of the public as top priority. We have been receiving updates daily from Columbia County Health and Human Services and the State EOC and have determined this is our best course of action. We would really like to hold our event but hope that you understand why we must need to make the difficult decision to cancel our event for this year.

We hope to see you next year for our 2021 Arlington Firemen’s Festival August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.