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ANNUAL WHOOPING CRANE STRUT CANCELLED

ROCKPORT, TX – For the first time in its 30-plus year history, the Whooping Crane Strut has been cancelled. Sponsored by the City of Rockport's Parks and Leisure Services Department, the annual, chip-timed event is normally held in March and includes a 5k and 10k run, plus 2-mile walk.

According to Rick Martinez, director of the City's Parks Department, the decision was not an easy one to make, especially having cancelled the majority of events associated with the annual Tropical Christmas last December.

“We have no way of knowing what the pandemic situation will be like in early March, but right now the pandemic numbers are increasing in our community,” Martinez noted. “We truly believe this is in the best interest of the participants and volunteers.

“This is the time that we would have been placing notices, ordering materials and T-shirts for the event, and making other commitments,” he stated. “We’re disappointed, but we had to be proactive in making a decision as there have always been people traveling to participate and we didn’t want to cancel at the last minute. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022.”