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Torrential rains inundate beach, cause cancellations *Beach Bash cancelled, area closed until further notice*

LITTLE ELM (May 11, 2015) Water encroachment on the Little Elm Park Beach as a result of recent torrential rains has caused the cancellation of this weekend's Beach Bash, as well as the complete closure of the beach area until further notice.

Officials estimate that water levels may continue to rise through the week as more rainfall is expected.

The Beach Bash, billed as the first major event of the outdoor season in Little Elm, was scheduled to occupy the recently-reconstructed sandy beach area on Saturday, May 16. The beach is now under several feet of lake water.

Sponsored by the ER Centers of America and KTCK The Ticket radio station, the event's planners had scheduled volleyball games, food, drinks, live music, children's events and a number of other beach-themed activities for the entire family. No alternate date has yet been decided for the event.

In conjunction with the cancellation, Little Elm's public safety personnel have determined that the beach area is not safe for outing purposes, and have closed the area until further notice. The dangers associated with unfamiliar water movement, especially below the surface of the lake, are listed as primary reasons for the closure.

While the nearby boat launch is still operational, Little Elm officials urge extreme caution when using the launch, as water levels have risen there as well. Additionally, boaters should be particularly attentive as the storms have added a significant amount of debris and driftwood to the lake.

Once the water levels recede to more operable levels, the beach area will be re-opened for use, although officials are still cautioning that any further rains may cause intermittent closures of the facility.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.