

# **Acushnet's 41st Apple-Peach Festival canceled due to COVID-19 concerns**

Little in the world has been unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic, everything from schooling, our places of employment, favorite restaurants, weddings, and birthday parties and more.

Acushnet's very popular annual Apple-Peach Festival is another casualty of the worldwide pandemic, as organizers announced that the festival – in what would be its 41st celebration – would not happen this year. The committee's main focus is the health and safety of the community."

The festival has humble origins going back to 1979 when a local farmer came up with a creative way to sell the apples produced at the town's apple orchards. Over the years, the "peach" aspect was added, along with local crafts and arts, food vendors, live local music and entertainment acts, police and fire department demonstrations, and all the other aspects locals have come to love.

As much as it pains one to say this, "there is always next year."