

## Web Story

STARKVILLE, Miss. (WCBI) - Communities are now focusing more of their time on outdoor activities as Coronavirus still threatens our country. However, many people continue to use Internet as their main source of interaction.

Starkville mayor Lynn Spruill says, "I think there continues to be volunteer activities and more individualized activities. You know, we have outdoor basketball courts and that sort of thing, but they're more individualized, as opposed to team type sports."

Starkville is doing its best to open activities that are COVID safe to the public, but many residents have chosen to use the Internet to their advantage.

Spruill adds that since COVID, most people are continuing to do activities virtually.

Special events chair Paige Watson discusses different outdoor activities during the pandemic.

Watson says, "The refuges, big one. And then, of course, we've been promoting our walking trails and just different things around town. Like we have all these historical markers."

While the outdoor festivities seem to be limited and occasional, residents can look forward to Saturdays and Thursdays in Starkville as a pick-me-up.

Mayor Spruill says, "We have our farmers market. Goes on Saturday mornings from, like, 8 to 11 and we've had some outdoor movie night. Um, we have the dog talk that happens downtown on Thursday evening."

Spruill says the determining factor for more community festivities will ultimately be an effective vaccine that will come sooner rather than later.