

The Howell Area Parks and Recreation understands there are mixed feelings regarding the decision to include “Drag Bingo” at this year’s event. We have community members who want to enjoy an entertaining adult show and we have community members who disagree with this. We also understand that there are concerns with the types of humor being presented during this event. Currently the show has a sold out crowd with a long standing wait list. We would like to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all who live and visit the Howell Area. We should celebrate our community together. We do not support hate or want to create an environment for hate. We will be working with local officials, the HAPRA board and other community businesses to address the concerns about this being a part of Melon Festival and that it would be better served as a stand-alone event. We do plan on allowing the event to run as there are community members wanting to participate, however the venue will more than likely change. A secondary location is still to be determined.