



A Message from Mayor Siry

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Greetings,

As Independence Day approaches, we are reminded of the tradition of celebrating with red, white and blue on the day that marks our nation's birth. It's also a tradition of families, barbecues and beach outings – and parades through our streets and backyard gatherings.

Unfortunately, this year is different. COVID-19 is still a threat. Let's not take for granted the flattened curve we have all worked hard to achieve here in NY and the thousands of lives lost to COVID-19.

We had hoped to bring some normalcy and celebration to our Village this July 4th by hosting our traditional parade on a smaller scale, under the state and federal guidelines for social distancing and face-coverings. However, we have been advised that as a municipality, holding such a gathering would violate the Governor's Executive Order. It is clear to me that the long-term consequences of this violation would far outweigh the fleeting celebration we might enjoy.

On behalf of the Trustees, I want to encourage everyone to celebrate safely and consider the safety of others as we host family and friends for gatherings. Some people have told me that our inability to convene in a parade is unfair. I understand the disappointment, but I urge you not to compare a celebratory Village-sponsored parade with any of the recent grassroots walks for peace, justice and healing where people are crying out for equality.

So fly the flag and enjoy the holiday, but no matter how you choose to commemorate independence Day, please celebrate responsibly.

We recently had a chance to enjoy a drive-in movie, our Village recreation programs are ready to start soon, and our beach opened up today for a little relaxation on the sand. We pledge to continue to work on planning events that can help us restore some normalcy and joy to our days and unite us as neighbors.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dennis Siry