



## A Message from Mayor Siry

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Greetings,

The last few weeks and months have been a whirlwind of activity for the Village. With COVID cases on the downswing, we are working with local businesses as they develop plans to reopen and are doing all we can to give businesses a jumpstart. As always, I urge everyone to shop and dine locally to support our merchants, as many of our restaurants have outdoor seating areas to enjoy in the nice weather.

But beyond the COVID crisis, we are seeing unprecedented times with regard to racial equality and human rights. We join municipalities across the state, region, and nation in supporting equal rights for all.

Recently, here in Amityville, we have been made aware of several walks and gatherings planned in support of justice and equality for people of color. One such event will take place tomorrow, Friday June 12 at 5:30 PM, please see the planned route below.

Amityville Police Department Chief Burton and I have met with the organizer of this walk to help ensure safety while upholding the constitutional right to free speech and to assembly. We are confident that these organizers intend to express themselves peacefully and are taking steps to maintain public safety.

Please remember that while some events have been marred by antagonists and violence, far more have gone on peaceably in the spirit of solidarity and justice. I believe this will be the case and that together, we can show our respect and support for one another in the true Friendly Bay Village tradition.

As groups of individuals enter our Village and voice their outrage and aspirations, I call upon all Village residents and business owners to draw upon empathy rather than fear, and bear

witness to the power of our democracy. Wherever you may stand personally or politically, I hope you will respect the walkers and be reminded of our universal rights to assemble and express our thoughts.

There are several walks that we are aware of and potentially others which have not sought Village input. We are doing all we can to work with community leaders to reach out to these groups to have a dialogue and ensure public safety.

Please check our website frequently for updates – [Amityville.com](http://Amityville.com)

**Local Peace & Justice Events:**

**Tomorrow - Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM** - teachers from the Amityville school district – Park Avenue School south lot, down Park Ave., east on Merrick Rd., up Rte. 110 to CVS and back down to Park Avenue School lot.

**Tomorrow - Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM** – Starts at Library Parking Lot (O’Connor Field) Oak St., from the library parking lot down Broadway to Park Avenue, crossing Merrick Rd. to Richmond Ave, to South Ireland Pl. north on Ocean Ave. to Grace Ct, north on Bennett to Rte 110, ending at the Gazebo with speeches.

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM** – organized by Amityville Memorial High School students - Tentative Route – Starts at the Train station south to Ireland Pl., to Broadway, south to Merrick Rd. ending at the Nautical Park.

**Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>**, (Juneteenth Commemoration) Time and route to be announced, a walk from Amityville to Seaford

Best Regards,

Mayor Dennis M. Siry