



TOWN OF WESTWOOD

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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May 26, 2021

Westwood Residents,

The 2021 Memorial Day Observation will be held on Monday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the New Westwood Cemetery. This observation will follow the Commonwealth's COVID-19 guidelines for participants, and I am asking all who attend to follow those same guidelines.

Our Memorial Day Committee has been working on plans to observe Memorial Day while adhering to the social distance guidelines as established by the Commonwealth. On Monday, March 29, 2021, a representative from the Memorial Day Committee presented this year's plan which was unanimously supported by the Select Board.

The parade portion of the Memorial Day Observation has been removed from this year's program. The observation will be conducted in person on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021. Participants and attendees are asked to follow the Commonwealth's COVID-19 guidelines.

Westwood Media Center is well-experienced in supporting safe gatherings outside. Westwood Media Center will cover the observation but due to the location will not be able to cover it live. The recording will be made available on the Westwood Media Center web page or YouTube channel towards the end of the day on Monday, May 31st.

Thank you to St. Margaret Mary's Church for allowing their parking lot to be used for this year's observation. Given the limited parking in the New Cemetery, we are asking those who attend to use the St. Margaret Mary's Church parking lot located at 845 High Street.

Our Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Christine Devlin, will be in attendance and recognized by the Select Board. This year's Grand Marshall will be Mr. Ned Richardson.

The Westwood Health Department has been an integral part of the planning for this year's observation, and we thank them for all of their guidance and support. We look forward to seeing you at this year's observation and remind you to follow the COVID guidelines and to stay safe.

The Memorial Day Committee is looking for [volunteers](#) to help on Saturday May 29th, with flower planting and refreshing of flags on Veterans' graves. If you would like to help, please meet at the New Westwood Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. and bring any gardening tools or gloves you have!

Thank you,

Christopher Coleman
Town Administrator