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Mayor's Message: MEMORIAL DAY - 2020



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Dear Closter Friends and Neighbors:

Memorial Day is an important Remembrance Day, not only for our community but for our country. It is a day where we recognize those American heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our freedoms. In keeping with Governor Murphy's social distancing guidelines and Executive Order regarding gatherings, Closter will not be holding the traditional Memorial Day Parade and Service.

Memorial Day 2020 will be different this year. While we are not able to hold the parade or the service at Memorial Park, we are able to pay homage on this day in other ways.

The Borough recognizes the magnitude of honoring the 18 Closter residents who never returned home as well as the significance of keeping our traditions intact. As we are all experiencing, Covid-19 has created the need to modify the manner in which all of our traditions take place. Beginning at 10:00 on Monday, May 25th the bells of St. Paul's Church will ring 18 times in honor of our Closter's fallen. The Church of St. Mary's carillon bells will follow, playing patriotic music. Please consider stepping outside, ***on your property*** (or perhaps opening your windows) for a moment of reflection. A very small vehicle procession will be travelling through parts of the community in remembrance of our fallen. In compliance with Executive Orders and the State Attorney General, we are not permitted to publish the route of the procession.

The need for us to ensure that social distancing is being practiced cannot be over-emphasized. Please, continue to keep the curve flat by practicing due diligence. It is necessary to ensure everyone's safety and well-being. The Borough's request for all residents is simple, as a community, to reflect and pay tribute on this day of remembrance while practicing the social distancing guidelines.

On Monday, May 25th at 3:00 I will be delivering an online tribute to our fallen in a Memorial Day speech. Please join me by logging onto the Borough's website, www.closternj.us.

I wish you all a safe and healthy week-end and thank you for your continued cooperation in maintaining social distancing.

All the Best,

Mayor