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Memorial Day Parade Committee

CHESHIRE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CANCELLED

Due to planning considerations and the uncertainty of the group limitations surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the Town of Cheshire, Cheshire Veterans Council and the Parade Committee have announced the cancellation of the 2020 Cheshire Memorial Day Parade. The Parade was scheduled for Sunday, May 24, and was to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II and honor WWII Member and Cheshire resident, Jim Hart.

We are saddened to have to make this decision, but the logistics involved in putting the Parade on for our community has reached a point where we had no other option. Regular parade participants have been holding off confirming their attendance and many have expressed the need to make a decision so they can see who they can get to march in bands and other organizations. Without being able to foresee what limitations may still be in place at that time, we unfortunately have to cancel.

The Cheshire Memorial Day Parade has been a popular community event not only for residents, but for our veterans who want people to understand the importance of honoring those who sacrificed all. Thousands and thousands of people come out year after year to honor this tradition and thus the Parade Committee had to put the safety and well-being of our community in mind when making the decision to cancel.

Other events like the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Flags Across Cheshire (when flags are placed on veteran graves) will only be held subject to federal and state guidelines for crowd gatherings, as we get closer to Memorial Day weekend. Regardless of the cancellation of the Parade of limits on other Memorial Day Weekend events, the Cheshire Veterans Council’s hope is for everyone to still take time on that holiday weekend for a moment of silence, to put out their American Flag, and to honor those who sacrificed their lives in defense of our great country.