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2020 Ridgewood Fourth of July Celebration Parade and Fireworks Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic Concerns

Ridgewood, NJ – May 4, 2020 - In a joint decision made this week, the Ridgewood Fourth of July Committee and the Village of Ridgewood announced that they will cancel the 110th annual Fourth of July Parade and the evening entertainment and fireworks display due to COVID-19 health concerns.

The committee made the difficult decision after considering the many aspects of planning, fundraising, staffing, and executing the events amid the public health concerns and economic uncertainty of the next few months.

“Our first priority is the health and safety of our community,” said Committee President Tara Masterson. “We must also be fiscally responsible and avoid penalties and cancellation fees. More importantly, the day’s events are entirely funded by community businesses and private donations, and we understand the difficult situation many of these individuals, families, and small businesses are now in.”

“We are incredibly grateful to the community for their continued support of the Ridgewood Fourth of July Celebration,” said Masterson. “We look forward to making the 2021 celebration extra special.”

The committee plans to keep the tradition alive by hosting the annual flag raising in Wilsey Square at 9am on July 4th. Throughout the committee’s 110-year history there have been years where the parade and/or fireworks were not possible, but a flag raising has always been held. The committee is exploring options for a virtual flag raising to be live streamed in an effort to limit the number of attendees should social distancing mandates still be in effect.

The Ridgewood Fourth of July Celebration is organized by the Ridgewood Fourth of July Celebration, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit community group. The Ridgewood tradition began in 1910 when the local papers, the civic section of the Woman's Club and the Ridgewood Fire Department joined forces to create a “safe and sane” holiday with an emphasis on Patriotism. All aspects of the day’s events, including parade, fireworks, bands, evening performers, insurance, and police and fire personnel are funded by voluntary contributions from businesses and individuals.

Visit www.ridgewoodjuly4th.com for more information and to Support the Tradition.