

## **TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL**

COUNTY OF MORRIS GILLETTE, HOMESTEAD PARK, MEYERSVILLE, MILLINGTON, STIRLING



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May 17, 2024

Memorial Day Parade Participants:

We are presently finalizing plans to conduct our annual Long Hill Township Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 27, 2024. A parade up Main Avenue in Stirling will precede the ceremonies.

On behalf of Long Hill Township, we are pleased to have your group marching with us. Those of you, and your clubs, who have antique and/or specialty vehicles are always most welcome. By joining us in this display, you will be honoring those who served our country in both World Wars and in past and recent conflicts. This event also serves as an excellent history lesson for our children.

The line of March will commence at the corner of Main Avenue and Mercer Street in Stirling and proceed north to Central School for a brief ceremony. Marching groups can begin assembling on Mercer Street west of Main Avenue at 9am. Line-up will start at 9:30 am. Please note: there is no parking on Main Avenue during the parade. Marchers can park on the side streets of Main Ave. and walk to join their group on Mercer St.

For the line-up, the Color Guard (Boy Scout Pack 56) will lead the procession, followed by the Long Hill Police Department, the Township Committee, Specialty Vehicles, Community Groups, and Emergency Services Vehicles. Lt. Marczewski and Sgt. Sutton from the Long Hill Police Dept. will be at the corner of Mercer St. & Main Ave. to direct the line-up for the parade. Sgt. Sutton will also be the person who will advise of the start of the procession.

Many groups have asked if they can bring candy to pass out to parade watchers. Candy may be handed to parade watchers, but may not be thrown. In order to keep this tradition as part of the parade, we ask that you give some strong direction to marchers in your group and emphasize our concerns for the safety and enjoyment of all—both our parade watchers and our parade marchers.

Once at Central School, we ask that everyone join us in front of Central School for a ceremony to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedoms we do today. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception/refreshments at the Stirling Firehouse (321 Somerset St. Stirling). All are cordially invited to attend. Hot dogs will be served. Many thank you's to the Stirling Fire Department for hosting!

We look forward to seeing you at the event. The parade will go on light rain or shine, unless there is dangerous weather. In the event of dangerous weather—an alert will be posted on the Township Website (http://longhillnj.gov/recreation/index.html). In case of emergency, my cell phone is listed below. It is with great pleasure that we cordially invite you to this wonderful annual event. Please feel free to share this letter with others who may not have gotten it. Thank you in advance for your participation, and for recognizing the sacrifices made by our country's armed forces.

Fingers crossed for clear skies! Regards, Lisa Scanlon Director, Parks & Recreation recreation@longhillnj.gov 908.347.5719 (emergencies only)

## Richard Dorsi

Memorial Day Observance Committee Former Commander, American Legion Post 484