



## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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# Cancellation of Upcoming Holiday Events

The City of Sanford and Seminole County remain under a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to these unprecedented circumstances, many public and private events have been cancelled for the safety and well-being of our residents and guests. Social distancing remains a high priority now and in the coming months to prevent the spread of the novel virus Covid-19.

Due to these circumstances, the City has made the very difficult decision to cancel the Memorial Day festivities scheduled on Monday, May 25th out of an abundance of caution for the health of both the participants and spectators. This annual event included a Memorial Day Parade, the largest in the southeast, and a Remembrance Ceremony at Sanford's Veterans Memorial Park overlooking Lake Monroe. We want to thank the Seminole County Area Veterans Advisory Council (SCAVAC) and Ed Burford, the Veterans Services Officer for Seminole County Government for their year-round effort assisting the City with this event.

On Monday, May 25th, the City of Sanford's Veterans Memorial Park, located at 110 W. Seminole Boulevard will be ceremoniously dressed with flags and a wreath between 8 AM and 4 PM as a tribute to our fallen heroes. This Memorial Day weekend the City of Sanford encourages all to remember the final and noble sacrifices of our service men and women who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom.

In addition, after careful staff review of the City's annual 4th of July celebration "Star Spangled Sanford", it has been determined due to past crowded conditions throughout Ft. Mellon Park and along the lakefront, the City has canceled this popular event along the shores of Lake Monroe.

The health and safety of our residents, guests, employees and contractors remain of utmost importance to the City. Recommended guidelines for events of this magnitude cannot be maintained currently nor in the foreseeable future for mass gatherings such as the 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks.

These were very difficult decisions but were made in the interest of public safety. We look forward to hosting both of these events in 2021 and anticipate an even larger outpouring of support for these very important patriotic events. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 407-688-5120.

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