

Ways You and Your Community Can Observe Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day is an important American holiday and we want to safely honor our veterans and our fallen servicemen and women as we do every year.

Even though observing this year might feel slightly different, here are some ideas as to how you can observe Memorial Day in your community while safeguarding public health:

- To build community spirit, encourage residents to place lawn signs on their street with a Memorial Day picture or message so neighbors can take socially distanced walks down each street and share the sentiments of the neighborhood.
- Organize a sound off with all police cars and fire trucks sounding their horns at a specific time and encourage residents to go out on their own lawns and wave a flag or banner or simply applaud.
- Film a local student band - socially distanced - on the lawn of their high school and share the performance on social media.
- Observe a moment of silence to honor our military, veterans, first responders and those lost to COVID-19.
- Hold a vehicle parade of antique cars, police cars, fire trucks, etc. to drive past local veteran memorials.
- Prerecord a ceremony held annually, for example a wreath laying, or a 21-gun salute and share on social media for the community.

Be sure to tag @NYGov so we can share how New Yorkers across the state are celebrating Memorial Day this year.