



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

JUNE 5, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown and the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department regrettably announce the cancellation of the Annual Fourth of July Celebration at Old Mountain Field. We know that this event is the highlight of the summer for so many of our residents, residents from neighboring communities, and vacationers from around the state and the country. Unfortunately, because of the continuing public health threat presented by COVID-19, the community is not able to gather together to celebrate as we usually do at Old Mountain Field – and all the other favorite viewing spots across town, to enjoy each other’s company, live music, great food, and spectacular fireworks that have always made this event so special.

Independence Day will never go unrecognized in South Kingstown however – and while this year there will be no grand celebration as is our longstanding tradition, the Town will hold a flag raising ceremony at Old Mountain Field on the morning of July 4th. More details on this ceremony will be announced in the coming weeks, including how community members can attend remotely.

The originally planned celebration, with a live concert by *Take it to the Bridge* and the always spectacular fireworks display, has been tentatively rescheduled to October 10th, 2020 provided that large group gatherings, like we know this will be, are allowed at that time.

We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful 4th of July weekend, and finds new ways to safely celebrate Independence Day with family, friends, and neighbors this year.

Guidance for Members of the Public: During this pandemic, all residents are strongly advised to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing. The Governor has ordered that cloth face coverings which cover the mouth and nose are to be worn when at work and when in public (indoor and outdoor), however the wearing of cloth face masks does not eliminate or reduce the need to abide by social distancing requirements. Residents should remain home if you are sick (with any symptoms). Gatherings have been limited to not more than 15 people, and be advised that even when gathering in small numbers, social distancing guidance is to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. Travelers to (or back to) Rhode Island from locations with a stay-at-home order (or similar) are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Residents are strongly advised to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to and guidance on, the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please visit the Town’s COVID-19 webpage for up to date information and links to Federal, State, and local resources www.southkingstownri.com/998/COVID-19. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.southkingstownri.com. Updates and information will also be shared via the Town’s official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southkingstownri. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.