

VFW Post 7487 provides update on Memorial Day

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As Memorial Day approaches, VFW Downriver Post 7487 would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lewiston community for all that they have done. A special "Thank you" to all our first responders and essential worker who have continued to work and serve the community during these trying times.

Our organization is dedicated to serving the community any way we can and will continue to do so. For Memorial Day, our members will still conduct our Memorial Day ceremony at our new "Circle of Honor" monument. This year, however, there will be some significant differences. There will be no parade or luncheon this year. The Memorial Day Remembrance Committee has canceled these events because of the current social distancing restrictions.

VFW Downriver Post 7487 would like to thank the members of the committee for all of their work. We look forward to next



The "Circle of Honor" was unveiled last Veterans Day.

year when we can hopefully return to our regular activities.

VFW Post 7487 had scheduled to place another 125 names on the new monument. Do to the current restrictions placed on companies, we will not be able to accomplish this task before Memorial Day, as planned. We will have these names placed on the monument as soon as possible. When this task is completed, we will then announce it to the community and plan a small ceremony.

As many in the community know, during the Memorial Day weekend our VFW Post can be found at Tops Market distributing poppies and accepting donations for our different programs. This year, because of social distancing, we will be unable to do this. We are currently working on a plan to distribute poppies and will notify

the community when it is finalized.

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City of North Tonawanda begins plans for reopening

City of North Tonawanda Mayor Arthur Pappas released the following statement on Saturday:

In accordance with state and county recommendations, each city or town should begin to develop a plan for reopening their municipality. Since every locality has unique entities, we need to include foresight to plan accordingly. In keeping with this directive, I have established a committee of individuals representing various interests of the city. This committee will be referred to as C.E.T., City Emergent Team.

Our opening plans developed will be controlled with the most essential business having the lowest risk open first. All plans will be required to have the governor's approval. This will be determined by how the plans fit in regionally with surrounding cities and counties.

Before this is possible, we need to meet seven criteria and to date Niagara County only meets three. One criteria is to have 14 days of decline in number of cases. Since Niagara County continues to increase daily ... we are not meeting this goal. When we do qualify for phase one, we will need to monitor and adjust plans as we go forth. This will ultimately cause a change in the lifestyle we knew before, but hopefully will be for the better.

Please continue to wear a mask in public and social distance especially when visiting places like the City Market.

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Certain low-risk business and recreational activities – including landscaping, gardening, tennis & drive-in-movie theaters – will reopen statewide May 15

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"I'm hopeful that every business in our area that is itching to reopen will have a plan. Because if you don't, then we're going to have to go out there and confirm you don't have a plan, and shut you down again. And none of us want to do that. So, make certain you get your plan."

Wydysh said, "Businesses really should be looking forward at what their plan is. ... You really need to have that plan. You need to think about social distancing and how you'll do that within your business. Will you have the protective gear that you need? All of that PPE we talked about, whether it's face masks, gloves. Depending on your business, you'll need different things to keep yourself, your employees and your clientele coming in safe. So, make sure that you're starting to get that equipment now and have it ready to go when you're able to open."

"Are you going to stagger shifts? Redesign your workplaces to keep people further apart? Those types of things. Many questions that will have to be answered once we get the green light to go forward."

Fight the Good Fight

Poloncarz said, "We are heading in the right direction. I want to thank everybody for the good work that they've done to help us get it there. We understand that we're not out of the woods yet.

We still have a couple more metrics to meet. But those metrics can only be met by the greater community. It requires all of us to act appropriately, so that we do not spread coronavirus to others and then they contract it and catch COVID-19."

He added, "If we can ensure that that hospitalization number goes down, the death number goes down with hospitalizations, we will be able to reopen into phase one very soon."

"It's possible we could meet it for the May 15 guideline, but we need to do a little bit better so that we meet those metrics. If we don't, I do fully expect us to meet

it by June 1 – hopefully sooner. But it's incumbent on all of us. We're in this together."

Wydysh encouraged residents to "be optimistic."

"Know that we are working very hard to meet those metrics," she said. "There are a few that are very within our control. We can make sure that we have testing capacity; we can make sure that we have enough contact tracers in the region, all of those things that the governor says we have to have; hospitalization rates, death rates. Those types of things are really out of our control 100%."

"We all play a part in them – and that's where you come in,

too. Make sure you're following your distancing guidelines, keep wearing your masks, stay home as much as you can. Really, that's where we're going to see a spike, if we're going to see one, is people are out and about in the public more as they're socializing more, as the weather gets nice – that's when we could potentially see that community spread happening and another surge in our cases.

"So, really needing everyone to do their part, as far as distancing, to help us keep those numbers on the decline, so that we can keep moving towards a reopening process here in the region."

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