

Events

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ing the past year as part of the services. He tallied five years of active duty with an Army transport unit during World War II and as a medic in the Korean War, plus four years in the reserves, leaving as a staff sergeant.

Public events

The main, public Memorial Day events will feature the annual parade, with two stops for ceremonies. Peter Drury, who retired in 1981 as an Army lieutenant colonel after 26 years with the field artillery, will be grand marshal, a service he often has performed for local parades.

Marchers will step off Monday at 10 a.m. from the Lawn Avenue School, going south from the school to Narragansett Avenue. Marchers will proceed to the town cemetery at Four Corners (Narragansett at North Main Road) for

ceremonies and then resume the march east on Narragansett Avenue to Veterans Memorial Square for further ceremonies.

Participants are reminded that formation begins at 9:30 a.m., according to Edward Morinho, American Legion coordinator for 30 years of the annual event. He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946, starting as a crew chief and engineer with B17 aircraft and discharged as an acting first sergeant. He and two island comrades, Francis "Jim" West and Stephen Zweir, hold national commendations for 60 years of active Legion membership.

Everyone invited

Morinho explained that local veterans invite all residents as individuals or as members of town organizations to join in the Memorial Day parade. He said invitees respond by coming to the parade formation.

The parade and ceremonies include marching and riding veter-

ans; clergy from all island churches; police, firefighter and medical rescue squad personnel with their emergency apparatus; Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts; local school students; town officials; and many community organization members, including the Jamestown Community Band that provides the bugler for traditional "Taps."

Richardson said that all persons interested in honoring the veterans of the town and the nation are invited to join the line of march, or to line the parade route, as they annually do.

Ceremonies, speakers

Schedules for stops at Four Corners and at Veterans Memorial Square call for: invocations and benedictions; drum rolls; firing squad salutes; bugling of "Taps;" and singing of the traditional version of "The Star Spangled Banner." Retired Navy Captain Cliff Largess, a former fighter pilot, will address those gathered at the cemetery.

At the square, flowers will be

placed on the water to memorialize all service personnel lost at sea; and new casket flags will be raised on new posts added that morning.

Current Post commanders are Bob Edgar for the American Legion, an Air Force veteran who served during the Vietnam War; and Bruce Livingston for the VFW, retired Marine Colonel.

Parking, traffic

Police Lt. William Donovan reported that Narragansett Avenue, from North Main Road east to East Ferry, will be posted and closed for parking on both sides of the road Monday from 6 a.m. to the close of the program. He said a detailed list of road closures has not been scheduled. He said motorists need to be prepared for short traffic interruptions along the parade route, and at side streets in the immediate area, as will be needed while the procession is in progress.

Sidewalk sales

Town Councilors earlier this month approved licenses for three Memorial Day sales: Central Baptist Church, 99 Narragansett Avenue, baked goods and raffle tickets, 9 a.m. to noon; Humane Society of Jamestown, at 29 Narragansett Avenue, clothing and books, 9 a.m. to noon; and Jamestown Historical Society, 42 Narragansett Avenue, books, tiles and caps, 10 a.m. to noon.

vendors "were much closer," after several rounds of emails and they hoped to vote on the vendor at the June 7 meeting.

Kaiser said that they were asking the vendors if it was possible, given the requirements for healthy lunch offerings, to provide the lunches at a cheaper price.

• Heard the first reading of the Policy on Reporting Communicable, Environmental and Occupational Disease, which details how and when the school nurse will report any outbreaks to the state Department of Health. The policy also outlines how and when the school nurse will alert parents and teachers when an epidemic is present.

• Learned from Principal Kathy Almanzor that Thursday, May 24 is "Island Treasures," Day. This is a day when local residents and businesses share their expertise with Lawn Avenue school students. Two workshop sessions were scheduled for the day, and students were able to choose which "treasures," they wanted to learn from.

Among the offerings were a talk on the geology of Jamestown, by former science teacher Jim Sammons; a discussion of using wind power to create energy, by William W. Smith III; a discussion on raising honeybees, by School Committee member and beekeeper Julie Kallfelz, and a talk about being an EMT by Nancy Beye, David Bento and Prim Bullock, all members of the Jamestown Emergency Medical Services.

• Voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Pathways, to house an autism program for older students at the Lawn Avenue School.

Buses

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retrofitted with emission control devices that are "environmentally friendly and offer the best result." He added that the company is also using low-sulfur diesel fuel. The new buses that the company proposed for next year, are also more energy efficient than the older ones, Brown said.

In other business, the School Committee:

• Discussed the final round of clarifications on the two bids for the food service contract to begin in September. Chairwoman Cathy Kaiser said the school and the



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LEGAL TIP

A boilerplate "exculpatory clause" in a mooring agreement between a marina and a boat owner absolving the marina of all liability for acts of ordinary or gross negligence was unenforceable, the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has decided.

On Aug. 25, 2002, the plaintiff was injured at the marina when his foot got caught in a gap between the main dock and a floating dock where his vessel was moored.

The plaintiff sued the defendant.

U.S. District Court Judge, Patti B. Saris, in Massachusetts granted summary judgement for the defendant.

On appeal, the 1st Circuit determined that the exculpatory clause as written was "vastly overbroad and against public policy" and allowed the case to proceed.

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