

City OKs permit for Memorial Day parade

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Staten Island veterans will again march down Forest Avenue this Memorial Day, as Mayor Bill de Blasio plans to rescind his executive orders that prevented a permit. James Haynes, the president of the United Staten Island Veterans Organizations (USIVO), and Brendan Lantry, an attorney working with USIVO, said Monday that they'd received the necessary commitments for the parade to go on after a series of meetings with the mayor's office and the city Department of Veterans' Services.

Local veterans had been denied their permit request because of executive orders related to the pandemic and the city's "Open Restaurants" program that allows outdoor dining in portions of the city's roadways.

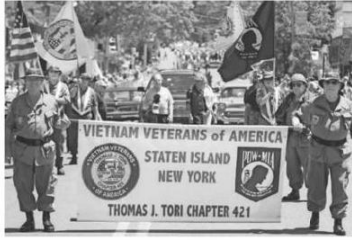
According to the NYPD, no parade permits had been issued since the start of the pandemic, but large-scale events have been going on outdoors, including a rally held by legalized marijuana proponents earlier this month.

"I'm very happy," Haynes said. "We want the veterans to get respect. This is not a rally, it's not a protest, it's a parade in honor of the veterans alive and dead."

City Hall spokesman Mitch Schwartz confirmed the general details of their account, and that the city will take appropriate action so that it's not in the way of the parade being permitted.

State guidelines that limit the attendance at outdoor events will still need to be adhered to, Lantry said they'll refile their permit application pursuant to state guidelines. The governor's office has not responded to a request for comment on the parade.

"The city has been working with this



The Vietnam Veterans of America march at the Memorial Day Parade on Forest Avenue in 2019. Shira Stroll, Staten Island Advance

organization, and we'll make sure they're all set to celebrate Memorial Day safely and in accordance with state guidelines," Schwartz said. "As more New Yorkers get vaccinated, outdoor gatherings like this can start to return. We'll have more details to share soon, but marchers should count on a great parade this year."

USIVO will lead the 102nd annual Memorial Day parade, which was reduced to a car caravan last year due to the pandemic, down Forest Avenue.

Local elected officials from across the political spectrum came out in support of the parade, and Lantry thanked people far and wide for their support.

"We're so incredibly thankful for the outpouring of support from Staten Islanders and non-Staten Islanders," Lantry said. "We're just so happy with the news."

NYC to start offering vaccine incentives

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New Yorkers hesitant to receive their coronavirus vaccination received another motivation Monday.

Mayor Bill de Blasio did not go as far as offering cash incentives, but said the city would begin to offer things like free tickets or public theater memberships to those who get their shots.

"We want to make it easier, and we want to make it fun, and we want to give you some incentives," the mayor said during his Monday press briefing. "Incentives, I think, are really going to encourage some of the folks who just haven't gotten around to it or have been waiting for the right moment."

De Blasio shared a list of ticket options to things like the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens or New York City Football Club games that would be made available.

He said there would be further information later in the week.

The mayor said he didn't yet see a need to push negative incentives, like having employers require vaccinations, and that a current focus of the city is ensuring doctors and patients have the information needed to have direct conversations about the vaccine.

Rates of vaccination in the city have slowed, but so far, more than 7 million vaccine doses have been administered citywide.

As that number's progressed, the COVID metrics have dropped precipitously.

Similar trends occurred last year regarding COVID as the city entered the summer months, but Dr. David Chokshi, the city's Health Commissioner, said the seasonal role is not yet fully understood.

"We think that one component of it is certainly that as the weather warms, people are spending less time indoors," Chokshi said. "The big difference between now and last year is the protective buffer that vaccination provides, and that's why we're going to work so hard even as the weather warms up to get as many people protected as possible."

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Daily: 174 Win 4: 0332

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Daily: 886 Win 4: 0678

Cash 4 Life: 37, 42, 44, 45, 52

Cash ball: 4

Take 5: 4, 14, 25, 27, 32

Pick 10: 6, 14, 21, 24, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41

52, 55, 56, 58, 59, 64, 66, 70, 79

NEW JERSEY

MIDDAY

Pick 3: 885 Fireball: 4

Pick 4: 0552 Fireball: 4

EVENING

Pick 3: 299 Fireball: 6

Pick 4: 5327 Fireball: 6

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Wednesday's Powerball

Jackpot: \$168 million

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