

## • Mayor's Monthly Message - #Communicate2Elevate

- In the last days of spring, all Americans commemorate those who died in the military service. We celebrate Memorial Day on the last Monday of May, which also marks the beginning of a vacation season.

### • **What is Memorial Day?**

- The history of Memorial Day goes back to the 19th century. People who lost their friends and relatives in the Civil War started to decorate the graves of their dead with flowers, wreaths, and flags. That is why the initial name of the holiday was Decoration Day.

- After World War I, all Americans adopted this remembrance tradition of the Southern states and devoted it to all those who died in any military action. We are honoring men and women who gave their lives for our country up to now.

- Today people go to cemeteries to decorate the graves and pay homage to their dead. Many Americans spend Memorial Day getting together with their family for a picnic or sports event.

### • **What is the Difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?**

- If you are one of those asking "is Memorial Day not for veterans?" it is time to learn the answer. Since a lot of us still confuse Veterans Day and Memorial Day, you should know the difference to avoid any misunderstanding.

- These two holidays have different origins. The official observance of Memorial Day started in 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery where people decorated the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers with flowers. This tradition was extended to commemorate all military men and women who died in all American wars.

- Veterans Day dates back to the early 20th century when Armistice Day was declared after World War I to honor the heroism of the American soldiers and their contribution to the world peace. After World War II, the name of the holiday was changed to "Veterans." Ever since then Veterans Day is observed on November 11 to celebrate the veterans of all American wars.

### • **What Do You Say To a Veteran on Memorial Day?**

- To express noble Memorial Day sentiments, you should remember that this is the time to commemorate those who gave their lives in service to our country. That is why you should not thank the living veterans on Memorial Day but show respect to their fallen comrades in arms, friends, and family.

- Although we cannot be together in person this year and honor those fallen soldiers with our Memorial Day parade, on behalf of the entire Township Committee, we simply say Thank You!! Take care, and be well all...

### • **Mayor Amutah**



## Arbor Day 2020 in Edgewater Park – Planting one tree at a time!!

Arbor Day celebrates planting and nurturing trees and all the ways trees enrich our lives and stabilize our environment. Arbor Day first appeared in the United States in 1872. J. Sterling Morton is credited with guiding this country's first Arbor Day resolution through the Nebraska state legislature in that year. Residents of the Great Plains recognized how much trees could do for them, and they enthusiastically embraced Morton's vision. It is typically celebrated on the last Friday in April here in the United States. This year, with social distancing in mind, Edgewater Park still celebrated this wonderful holiday!! In this most uncertain time, what is certain is Edgewater Park Township Committee's commitment to our environment. On Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, we planted a tree at the Magowan Elementary School here are a few pictures of Mayor Amutah along with Deputy Mayor Di Filippo on that wonderful day....

