

In an effort to protect the living while Honoring the Dead, there will not be any public observances (gatherings) to commemorate Memorial Day 2020 in Townsend. It is with deep regret that Townsend's traditional two Memorial Day parades and seven memorial services need to be cancelled for the safety of all the participants and on lookers during the pandemic this year. It is sincerely hoped that Townsend's wonderful Memorial Day traditions can be resumed next year.

Veterans and their family members with the assistance of community volunteers will privately place poppy decorated laurel wreaths at the seventeen Townsend Soldier's Memorials, the Riverside and Hillside Cemeteries, the Old Burial Ground, Memorial Hall, the Civil War Monument, the VFW Park Monument, the Memorial Common Monument, and the Canal and Main Street Bridges in addition to placing an American flag at each Veteran's grave in the three cemeteries.

All area residents are encouraged to reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day and to especially pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It is so important that we not forget!