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Community Urged to Observe Memorial Day Virtually

Virtual Memorial Day Events and City Closures

EL PASO, Texas—The observance of the Memorial Day holiday, like other holidays this spring, will look different this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The community is encouraged to honor our fallen military heroes by flying the United States flag at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The community is also asked to consider taking a moment of silence at 3 p.m. in an act of symbolic unity.

Throughout the Memorial Day weekend, community members are encouraged to honor our fallen military heroes by sharing pictures or videos on the City's social media sites [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) using the hashtag **#MemorialDay** **#HonoringOurHeroes** **#IAmElPaso**.

The Fort Bliss Memorial Day Ceremony will be held virtually beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2020. The ceremony will be streamed live on Facebook and can be viewed here: www.facebook.com/FortBlissGarrison/

The City of El Paso reminds the public that gathering and picnicking at City parks during the Memorial Day weekend is prohibited. The Local Emergency Directive outlines that City-owned parks to include playgrounds, basketball courts, dog parks and skate parks remain closed until further notice. Use of trails and walking paths have reopened with social distancing guidelines in place.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our community. For that reason, community members should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, which includes avoiding large social gatherings, groups greater than 10, inside and outside of the home. Residents are reminded that the County has advised it will not open Ascarate Park this weekend. New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham also advised that Elephant Butte is in a high-risk area and ask the region, including El Paso not to travel to the New Mexico State Park.

Some City service will also be reduced or not be available on Monday, May 25 to allow staff to observe the holiday. The services include:

- City staff from the One Stop Shop, Environmental Services Department and Municipal Court will not be available for phone or online customer service needs.

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- Sun Metro bus service will run on a Sunday schedule. The Brio and Streetcar will not be operational. Information is available at www.sunmetro.net.
- The Greater El Paso Landfill will be closed. The Citizen Collection Stations, which are regularly closed on Mondays, and residential trash and recycling collections will not be affected by the holiday.
- As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the health and safety of the public and the City's workforce as well as budgetary impacts, all City facilities remain closed, including public libraries, recreation centers, senior centers, aquatics facilities, sports fields and the El Paso Zoo.
- There will be no City Council meeting on Monday, May 25. City Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 27. Council meetings are currently broadcast live on CITY-TV (AT&T U-verse Ch. 99, Spectrum Ch. 1300 and regular TV Ch. 13.4) the City's government-access television channel, and are streamed at www.elpasotexas.gov as well as the City's [YouTube Channel](#).

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